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LECTURING IN CONCORD AND LINCOLN DURING THE
AMERICAN RENAISSANCE: CHAPTERS FROM
THE MASSACHUSETTS LYCEUM

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PREFACE

The importance of the Concord and Lincoln Lyceum minute books for the biographer, literary historian, and student of nineteenth-century New England culture justifies the issuing of this offprint of pages 101-226 of my larger work, The Massachusetts Lyceum During the American Renaissance (1969). We have yet to integrate profitably their solid details with facts concerning Emerson, Thoreau, Alcott, and contemporaries.

For example, whereas literary scholarship has assumed that Thoreau met Horace Greeley for the first time during his Staten Island sojourn in 1843, these records indicate that Greeley had appeared in Concord before the Lyceum on December 19, 1842 (page 156), Thoreau being almost certainly present and probably assisting in the New Yorker's entertainment.

Among the fresh discoveries in these pages are notices of lectures which Thoreau delivered in Lincoln, the home town of his college friend, Charles Stearns Wheeler. Each reader will find others. Perhaps the chief value for scholars at work on New-England writers is the remarkable chronology of half a century of intellectual life herein preserved of two neighboring Massachusetts communities.

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EARLY RECORDS OF THE CONCORD LYCEUM

The Yeoman's Gazette, of Concord, on Saturday, August 23, 1828, carried the following announcement:

AMERICAN LYCEUM

We have received the subjoined Circular, which contemplates a National Institution for the diffusion of knowledge and the improvement of schools. It is to be composed of associations in all the towns and villages, where a few neighbors are disposed to unite for mutual improvement by reading, conversation, discussion, or illustrating the sciences, or any subject of useful information or of popular and practical education. All the branches in a county are intended to be united by a Board of delegates, and each county to send one or more representatives to meet, perhaps during the session of the legislature, to organize or do business. From the several state societies a General Union is to be formed, to issue journals, pamphlets, tracts, and perhaps school-books.

Fifty or sixty branches are already formed, and it is hoped that every town in New England will take the subject into early and serious consideration, to determine whether they can enjoy the advantages it offers, during the approaching autumn and winter.

Subjoined were nine articles which future member-units were asked to adopt and which the worthies of Concord began at once to discuss with a view to establishing a worthy lyceum in their own town. Four months of informal talk and several adjourned meetings were required to ripen the plan, the announcement of which the Yeoman's Gazette of January 10, 1829, promised to publish a week later. On the seventeenth appeared in print a full account of the latest "adjourned meeting of a large number of the Citizens of Concord," which had been held on the seventh. Thereafter, the Gazette carried brief announcements or summaries of the meetings of the Lyceum, many of them like the following of Jan. 31, 1829:

CONCORD LYCEUM.—The first Lecture before this society was given in the Court House on Wednesday Evening last, by Rev. BERNARD WHITMAN, of Waltham. The subject was "Popular Superstitions," and was treated in a very instructive and interesting manner. The meeting was well attended; we should think full three hundred hearers were present, some of whom came from adjoining towns. The President announced, that a second Lecture would be given, by Dr. HORATIO ADAMS, on Wednesday evening next, at the same place.

Or, for example, this announcement of March 6, 1830, page 3:

Concord Lyceum.—Mr. Swett, of Cambridge Theological School, delivered a Lecture before this Association on Wednesday evening last. He was listened to with great attention, by a crowded audience.

Mr. PLUMLEY, Agent for the American Colonization Society, addressed the same assembly, in behalf of the enslaved Blacks. His arguments were considered rather weighty, and his illustrations somewhat ironical,—for in the course of the evening he exhibited a chain, calculated for confining four slaves, found on board of a slave-trader.

One should remember, therefore, that gaps or brevity in the official minutes can often be corrected by consulting the press accounts. The Yeoman's Gazette, on November 28, 1829, also published the complete constitution and by-laws of the Concord Lyceum and on the front page of the issue of February 11, 1832, ran the following particulars:

The Concord Lyceum was organized Jan. 7, 1829;—holds its meetings from the third Wednesday in September to April—conditions of membership: \$1.00 per annum, which allows the admission of three ladies, or a family of children.—Persons under 21 years of age and others living without the limits of the Centre School District, for half price. Number of members about 100. Exercises consist in Lectures, Discussions, and Instrumental Music.

Other amplifications of the official minutes may be found in the journals and published letters of the Concord writers—especially Emerson, Thoreau, Bronson Alcott, and F. B. Sanborn. My forthcoming edition of the Diary of George Moore will also richly illustrate the first two decades of the Concord Lyceum. Sanborn, whose early journal is edited in volume one of Transcendental Climate, once wrote:¹

The Concord audiences met at first in the brick school-room on the public square, near the Thoreau house, above which was the lodge-room of the Freemasons.... In its first modest hall, Charles Emerson gave his famous lecture on Socrates, to which Thoreau listened.

Writing to Emerson on January 24, 1843, Thoreau indicated the usefulness of the Lyceum of Concord in the entertainment of out-of-town guests:²

Mr. [John Louis] O'Sullivan was here three days. I met him at the Atheneum [Concord], and went to Hawthorne's [at the Old Manse] to tea with him. He expressed a great deal of interest in your poems, and wished me to give him a list of them, which I did; he saying he did not know but he should notice them. He is a rather puny-looking man, and did not strike me. We had nothing to say to one another, and therefore we said a great deal! He, however, made a point of asking me to write for his Review [the United States Magazine and Democratic Review], which I shall be glad to do. He is, at any rate, one of the not-bad, but does not by any means take you by storm,—no, nor by calm, which is the best way. He expects to see you in New York. After tea I carried him and Hawthorne to the Lyceum.

In addition to the official minutes of the Concord Lyceum, which with permission I shall hereinafter for the first time edit from the two manuscript volumes in the Concord Free Public Library, some printed literature is useful as a supplement to its history. Especially noteworthy is the

Semi-Centennial. Proceedings on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Concord Lyceum,

Tuesday, January 7, 1879—Consisting of an Introductory Address by Hon. E. R. Hoar, and an Address on the Origin and Growth of the Concord Lyceum by Charles H. Walcott, Esq. With Lists of the Original Members and Lecturers, Concord, 1879.³

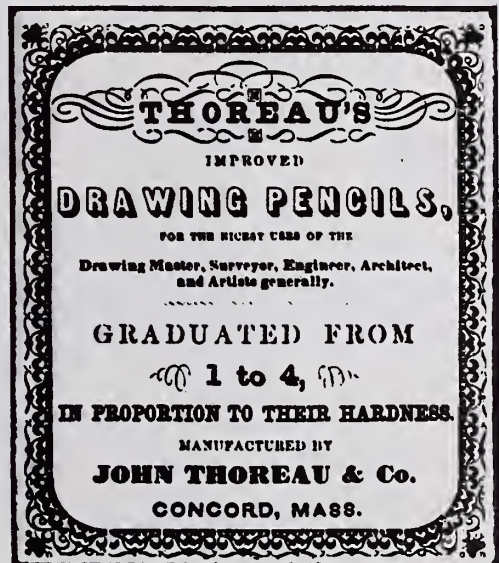
Except for the facsimiles that immediately follow,⁴ I shall ignore the financial records of the organization. In editing the minutes themselves, which have been kept in a variety of styles and have been sometimes awkwardly spaced, I shall attempt to achieve some uniformity of format as well as simplification of spacing. The punctuation here and there will have to be improved to bring out what seems to be the clear intentions of the various secretaries. Upon publication of Transcendental Climate, a filmstrip of the original manuscripts will be deposited in the Yale University Library for the benefit of researchers who may wish to examine it for the earlier format.

1 See Franklin Benjamin Sanborn, The Life of Henry David Thoreau, Boston & N.Y., 1917, p. 48.

2 Thoreau's Writings (Walden edition), Boston & N.Y., [1906], VI (Familiar Letters), p. 51.

3 Copy in Harvard College Library, with the call number: US 18225.3.9.

4 Taken from the Treasurer's Records, No. 1 (1829-1859).



Concord Lyceum in a/c		
1856-7	To Cash paid last year deficiency (pr vote)	14.50
Dec 6	R. W. Emerson	0.00
Dec 13	To Paid Mr Fuller expenses "Egyptian Civilization"	2.25
" 18	" " Rev Mr Muzzy "Switzerland?"	8.00
" 25	" " W. W. Wheelton "Origin of the human race"	9.00
1857 Jan 1	To Paid Wendell Phillips "Lost Arts"	10.00
" 8	" " Folly "Caves"	10.00
" 15	" " George Thompson "Al. & "British Politics"	10.00
" 22	" " J. Hay Barrett Poem "Concord"	0.00
" 29	" " J. D. A. Griffin "Witchcraft"	0.00
Feb 5	To Paid Dr Bell "Cuba"	11.00
" 12	" " Rev Wm Ware "Rome"	10.00
" 19	" " R. W. Emerson	0.00
" 26	" Paid Doctor Reynolds "Geography maps &c"	3.00
March 5	" " J. W. Baird "Norman legal rights"	0.00
" 12	" Paid Ezra Ripley "Aaron Burr"	1.00
" 19	" " Dr J. Bartlett "The Regicides"	0.00
" 26	" " Mr Lynde "Hindstaid"	1.00
Apr 2	" " Charles Brown "Shoemakers"	0.00
" 9	" " Mr George Bradford	1.00
" 23	" " S. H. Thoreau	0.00
" 30	" Paid Dr Edward Jarvis "Idioms"	3.00
May 7	" " Mr Schert "Lessing"	3.00
" 14	" " Shattuck price of Betty (22 cts 7/8)	27.50
" 14	" " S. G. Wheelton 115.25	0.00
" 14	" " D. Shattuck use of vestry 125	1.25
" 14	" " D. Shattuck use of vestry 16.50	1.25
" 14	Balance on hand card to swap	1.25
		117.75

Concord Lyceum in a/c		
1857-8	To Paid R. W. Emerson "Margt Fuller"	0.00
Oct 2	" " W. W. Wheelton "Progress"	0.00
10	" " Mr Hudson "Falstaff"	12.00
17	" " Dr O. W. Holmes "Loc. of Nature"	15.00
24	" " Mrs E. Parker Smith "Normanhardt"	10.00
31	" " "	

Jan 7, 1852	"	Dr Henry Thoreau "Canada"	0 00
" 7	"	J. Messon entertaining Dr. Holmes	1 00
" 14	"	Genl Bontwell (Ed. C. Windsor) "Governments"	50
" 21	"	J. W. Higginson, "Muhammad"	10 00
" 28	"	W. E. Channing "Society"	0 00
July 4	"	Prof Blodgett "Tornado"	10 00
" 11	"	Rev Daniel Foster "Woman's Rights &c"	0 00
" 18	"	Rev Mr Simmons "Geography & History"	0 00
" 25	"	R. W. Emerson "Economy"	0 00
Mar 3,	"	Mr Gordon. (of Framingham) "California"	7 00
" 10	"	Hon Amasa Walker "Public Lands"	0 00
" 17	"	D. H. Thoreau "Canada"	0 00
" 24	"	Dr Edward Cairns "Causes of Society"	0 00
April 14	"	R. W. Emerson "Heritage"	0 00
"	"	Use of Hall 18 cts & part of 250	45 75
"	"	for Memorandum Book	17
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Dr Concord Lyceum in a/c

1852-3			
Dec. 1	To	Paid W. W. Whilden, lecture "Life & some of its manifestations"	0 00
" 8	"	Dr Reynolds "Agricultural Chemistry &c"	5 00
" 15	"	Mr Burrow "Shakespeare & the Drama"	23 00
" 22	"	Rev G. D. Robbins "Michaelangelo"	5 00
" 29	"	Warren Burton "Educational"	10 00
Jan 5	"	E. P. Whipple & exp. "Herrism"	11 00
" 12	"	Rev. R. C. Waterston "Visit to Scotland"	10 00
" 19	"	Dr. F. V. C. Smith "Palestine"	15 00
" 27	"	C. E. Russell. "Siege of Quebec"	10 00
Feb 2	"	N. P. Banks "Spain"	10 00
" 9	"	Rev Dr. Neal. & exp. "Prof. Enthusiasm"	11 00
" 16	"	" { Stormy, no lecture }	3 00
" 24	"	R. W. Emerson "Anglo-Saxon"	0 00
Mar 2	"	Rev. Mr Simmons "Luther the Times"	0 00
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1853	March	To	Bal. due Treasurer, A. B. L.	8.26

Dr Concord Lyceum in A/c.

1853-4				
Dec	1 st	To	Paid R. W. Emerson Lecture "Anglo American"	11.00
"	5	-	Rev A. L. Stone ^{Boston} "Individuality"	15.00
"	14	-	H. S. Thoreau	50.00
"	21	-	R. H. Dana Edmund Burke	15.00
"	28	-	Mr. Luntin Storm	00.00
Jan	4	-	Dr Reynolds Education	
"		-	Salus Hosmer	13.00
Jan	6	-	J. Brown Jr Balance	8.26
"	11	-	Rev Warren Burton (Education)	15.00
"	18	-	Rev Mrs Ware - Jan	10.00
"	25	-	Geo S Boutwell (Pilgrims)	10.00
Feb	1	-	Adams Exp & Postage	.18
"		-	E R Hour (Sydney Smith)	0.00
"	2	-	Silas Hosmer	15.00
"		-	Theodore Parker (Beauties)	15.00
"	22	-	Edmund S. Bangs (Lead Cities)	15.00
Mar	1	-	Rev Har King - Substn - & Show	15.00
"	24	-	Silas Hosmer	9.00
"	14	-	Prof Worcester (Sources of Power)	15.00
"	15	-	Dr Loring	00.00
"	22	-	Dr Rice "Natural Life"	00.00
"	24	-	Silas Hosmer	12.00
"	30	-	Sydney Hour	00.00
Apr	18 th	-	Silas Hosmer	9.00
Apr	5	-	R. W. Emerson (France)	00.00
"	12	-	R. W. Emerson ()	00.00
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Dr Concord Lyceum in A/c			
1854-5	R. W. Emerson	England	
	Geo F. Simmons		15 00
Dec 23	Silas Hosmer		6 00
	John P. Hale	Gladstone	15 00
Jan 1855 4	Oliver M. Whipple		15 00
10	Mr Copeland		15 00
17	Dr Solger		15 00
24	Rev Mr Waterston		15 00
31	Mr Goddard		15 00
Feb 5	Silas Hosmer		19 00
7	James Russell Lowell	Milton	15 00
14	H. D. Thoreau		— —
21	Professor Felton		15 00
28	Simon Brown		— —
	Silas Hosmer		12 25
28	R. W. Emerson		00 00
	Dr Solger		15 00
Apr 7	Silas Hosmer		12 50
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Dr Concord Lyceum in Dec			
	Balance due Treasurer		1 69
Dec 5	Lecture by C. C. Shuckford		15 00
Dec 12	Dr C. L. Flint Agriculture		15 00
19	Geo Sumner Europ Scheds		15 00
26	Waskell Newspapers		15 00
Jan 2	Prof Hays		15 00
9	Dr Eddy		15 00
16	Edwin P. Whipple Joan of Arc		15 00
25	Dr Solger		15 00
30	Thos Simon Brown		— —
Feb 6	Dr J. Reynolds		— —
	R. W. Emerson		— —
Mar 3	rent of Hall 10 terms		30 00
7	Lecture by Signor Casjani		12 00

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"	11	" " E. J. Whipple	20 00
"	26	" " J. S. Huntington	20 00
Jan	3	" " R. W. Emerson	
	8	" " Mr A. C. Lincoln	20 00
	14	" " Wendell Phillips	20 00
	29	" " Prof. Coe Janie	20 00
Feb	13	" " Geo. Sumner	20 00
	27	" " R. W. Emerson	- -
Mar	4	" " J. Parker	20 00
		" " Dr. Reynolds	- -
	13	" " Rev. Saml Foster	1 20
"	20	" " Prof. Agassiz	20 00
"	21	" " J. C. Harrison	3 25
Apr	15	" " R. W. Emerson	- -
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St. Concord Lyceum in Acct

1857		Bal due Treasurer	11 08
Dec	2	Lecture R. W. Emerson	00 -
"	9	To Cash paid Rev W. R. Alger - Chivalry	15 00
"	17	" " " " W. Curtis - Philip Sydney -	25 00
"	28	" " Rev Mr. Kim	
	30	" "	20 00
Jan	6	" "	50
"	13	" "	30 00
"	20	" "	50
"	27	" "	25 00
Feb	3	" " Prof J. C. Hoag &	15 00
"	17	" " Geo Phillips England	15 00
"	25	" " H. S. Thoreau	- -

Nov 2	for use of Town Hall	39.00
	Printers Bill	4.50
		199.58

Dr Concord Lyceum in Acct

1858	To Balance Due Treasurer	7.18
Dec 1	Lecture Dr Bartlett	- -
8	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
15	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
22	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
29	Geo Sumner	15.00
Jan 5	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
" 12	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
" 19	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
26	" " " " " " " " " "	15.00
Feb 2	Rev G Reynolds	- -
17	Rev Saml Johnson	15.00
9	" " " " " " " " " "	- -
23	" " " " " " " " " "	- -
Mar 2	" " " " " " " " " "	- -
9	" " " " " " " " " "	10.00
Mar 14	B Tolman Printing	14.25
16	Parker Pillsbury	15.00
	for Hall	52.00
	Balance	4.92
		238.35

FRATERNITY LECTURES.
FIFTH LECTURE THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at the
Temple, by
HENRY D. THOREAU.
Subject - "Capt. John Brown, of Ossawatimie."
Doors open by 6 1/2 o'clock; lecture will commence at 7 1/2 o'clock
precisely.
A few single tickets, at 25 cents each, can be had at the
Office of the Temple at a quarter past seven o'clock.
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MINUTES

Preliminary Proceedings.

Concord Dec. 3. 1828.— A large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Concord was convened this evening at the centre brick school house, pursuant to public notice given by Rev. D^r Ripley after the religious exercises on Thanksgiving day, last week, to take into consideration the expediency of forming a Lyceum in Concord. Hon. John Keyes was chosen Chairman. & M^r Lemuel Shattuck, Secretary. Addresses were then made by Rev. D^r Ripley, Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd, Col. Daniel Shattuck, Doct. Josiah Bartlette, Daniel Stone, Esq., M^r Lemuel Shattuck, and others, in explanation of the objects of the meeting, after which Voted, unanimously, That it is expedient to form a Lyceum in Concord. Voted, That a committee of eight be chosen to prepare and report at an adjourned meeting a constitution for the proposed Lyceum; and Hon. Samuel Hoar, Hon. John Keyes, Nathan Brooks Esq., Col. Daniel Shattuck, Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd, Major Samuel Burr, Daniel Stone Esq. and M^r Lemuel Shattuck were chosen said committee. Voted, That this meeting be now adjourned to meet again two weeks from this time, at this place, at half past 6 o'clock P.M. Lemuel Shattuck, Secretary.

Concord Dec. 17. 1828.— An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Concord, disposed to establish a Lyceum, was held at the brick School house this evening. The Hon. John Keyes being absent, Hon. Abiel Heywood was chosen chairman pro tem. Daniel Stone Esq. from the committee chosen at the last meeting to prepare a constitution reported— Voted, That each article be read separately and acted upon in like manner. The first article was accordingly read and after considerable discussion, the question was taken on its adoption, when it appeared that an equal number voted in favour and against it. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned one week. Lemuel Shattuck, Secretary.

Concord Dec. 24. 1828.— An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Concord was held at the brick school house this evening for further consultation relating to the formation of a Lyceum. Hon. John Keyes, being in the chair. The report of the committee made at the last meeting of the citizens being under consideration, a motion was made and prevailed, that the whole report be read, which was done accordingly. Each article was then taken up, amended, and adopted. Voted, That Daniel Stone Esq., M^r Moses Prichard, and Col. Daniel Shattuck, be a committee to present the constitution to the citizens of the town for their signatures, and that such persons present as approve of it, signify their acceptance by signing their names forthwith. Fourteen persons then signed the constitution. Adjourned one week. Lemuel Shattuck, Secretary.

Concord Dec. 31. 1828.— An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Concord was held this evening at the centre brick school house, to mature measures necessary to form a Lyceum. Hon. John Keyes, being absent. Hon. Abiel Heywood was chosen chairman p.t. The committee appointed at the last meeting to obtain subscribers to the constitution, reported that they had obtained twenty eight. A motion was made by Col. Daniel Shattuck, that the first article of the constitution be altered so that the fee for annual membership be one dollar instead of two, as it now stands. A long discussion arose on this motion, but on taking the question, it did not prevail. Voted, That Messrs. Stone, D. Shattuck, and Prichard, be a committee to notify all the subscribers, that a choice of officers will take place at the next meeting. Adjourned one week. Lemuel Shattuck, secretary.

Concord Jan. 7. 1829.— An adjourned meeting of the subscribers to the constitution of the Lyceum was held at the usual place this evening. The Hon. John Keyes being absent Hon. Abiel Heywood was chosen chairman p.t. Voted, That the constitution be read with the names of the subscribers; and that those present answer the call of their names.— Thirty one answered. Voted, That the constitution be so altered that persons not living within the centre school

District in Concord, be admitted members of the Lyceum by the payment of one dollar annually. Voted, To accept the constitution as amended. The Subscribers then proceeded to the choice of officers. A committee, consisting of Col. Daniel Shattuck and Mr Moses Prichard, was chosen to collect, assort and count the votes. After which the following gentlemen were chosen officers the ensuing year. Rev. Ezra Ripley, D.D. President. Josiah Davis Esq. 1st. Vice Pres. Dea. Reuben Brown, 2d. Vice Pres. Capt. Ephraim Merriam, Treasurer. Mr Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Secretary. Mr Phineas Allen, Col. Secretary. — Mr Samuel Burr, Dea. Cyrus Hosmer, Daniel Stone Esq. Curators. Voted, That this meeting be now adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Secretary.

Constitution.

We the subscribers, desirous of our own improvement in knowledge, the advancement of Popular Education, and the diffusion of useful information throughout the community generally; and believing that these objects can be more certainly, easily, and fully accomplished by united, than by individual exertions; agree to associate under the name of the Concord Lyceum; and adopt the following articles for our constitution.

Article 1.— Any person living within the centre school district in Concord, may become a member of the Lyceum by annually paying into the treasury two dollars, and any person living without the limits of said district, by the payment of one dollar. Ten dollars paid at any one time shall entitle a person to one membership for life.— Persons under eighteen years of age by paying one half the annual sum abovementioned, shall enjoy all the privileges of the society except voting.

Article 2.— The Officers of the society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and three Curators, who shall be chosen by ballot annually on such month and day, as may be specified in the By-Laws.

Article 3.— The President, and in his absence, neglect, or refusal to act, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside in all meetings, preserve order, and perform all the duties usually attached to his office. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies.— The Recording Secretary shall record all votes and proceedings of the Society.— The corresponding Secretary shall read and answer all communications addressed to it.— And the Curators shall have charge of the Cabinet and all other property of the Lyceum, and shall be the general agents to do any business for the Society under its direction.

Article 4.— To accomplish the objects of the Society, there shall be procured, as soon as the funds will permit, a cabinet of minerals, a library, and an apparatus for illustrating the sciences.

Article 5.— The society shall hold meetings for discussions, dissertations, lectures, and such other exercises as may be deemed expedient, when and where it shall determine.

Article 6.— Teachers of schools may be permitted to use for the benefit of their pupils, who are members of the Lyceum, the apparatus and minerals, under such restrictions as the association shall determine.

Article 7.— The property of the Lyceum, however acquired, shall be vested in the life members for the use of the society; and it shall be inalienable, except by way of exchange for other of equal value, without the assent of three fourths of the annual members, and three fourths of the life members.

Article 8.— The President and five members shall have power to call, at any time, a special meeting, which shall be legal, if notice be given according to direction in the By-Laws.

Article 9.— The Society shall have power to pass such By-Laws and regulations as shall be deemed by a majority necessary for the good management of its concerns.

Article 10.— The foregoing articles may be altered, amended or annulled by a vote of two thirds of one half of the members present at any one legal meeting, except the seventh article, which shall not be altered but by the vote of three fourths of the annual members and three fourths of the life members; said alteration or amendment having been proposed at a meeting not less than four weeks previous to the one at which it is to be acted upon.

Names of the Members from the original paper.

Ezra Ripley	Beriah Blood	Ephraim H. Bellows	David Merrill
John Keyes	John B. Clark	Nathan Barrett	John Adams
Josiah Bartlett	Isaac H. Hurd	William G. Tarbell	Benjamin F. Warren
Daniel Shattuck	Nathan M. Wright	Joshua Lawrence	George Moore
Reuben Brown	John Brown	Daniel Hunt	Cyrus Stow
Moses Prichard	John Stacy	Isaac Cutler	Anthony Wright
Phinneas Allen	Timothy Darlin	Charles Tarbell	Daniel Stone Jr.
Josiah Davis	James Wier	Willard Blood	Samuel Dennis
William Whiting	Franklin Brooks	Charles Fiske	Daniel S. Southmayd
Stedman Buttrick	George W. Hildreth	George M. Barrett	Cyrus Hosmer
Lemuel Shattuck	William Monroe	Charles Bowers	Charles Melvin
Prez Blood	Samuel Hoar Esq.	Nehemiah Ball	Abishai Brown
Elijah Wood	Charles Richie	Nathan Brooks	Nathan Hapgood
Francis Jarvis Jr.	Thomas F. Hunt	Abiel Heywood	Luke Dodge
			Rockwood Hoar

57 members

Concord Lyceum, January 7. 1829.— A meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held immediately after the adoption of the foregoing constitution, and the adjournment of that meeting. The Rev. Dr Ripley, president of the society, on taking the chair made some very pertinent remarks on the important objects of the society, and the necessity of united, energetic action to promote its success. Voted, That a committee of three be chosen by ballot to draft a code of By-Laws for the government of this Lyceum; and Col. Daniel Shattuck, Nathan Brooks Esq. and Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd, were chosen said committee. Voted, That the curators direct the collection of the money, and transact all other business necessary to carry the society into immediate operation. Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to procure additional subscribers to the constitution; and Mr Joshua Buttrick, Capt. John Stacy, & Mr Moses Prichard were chosen said committee. Voted, To adjourn one week. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary.

Concord Lyceum, January 14. 1829.— An adjourned meeting of the Lyceum was held at the usual place this evening. Rev. Dr Ripley, president, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Rev. Mr Southmayd, from the committee on the subject, reported a code of By-Laws. The whole of the report being read, each article was taken up, acted on separately, amended, and adopted. Voted, To adjourned [sic] till the society shall be called together by the Curators. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary.

By-Laws.

Article 1.— There shall be a meeting of the Lyceum every Wednesday evening, at such an hour and during such parts of the year, as the society shall determine.

Article 2.— Each member may admit two ladies, or two of his children from eight to fourteen years of age.

Article 3.— Strangers may be admitted by invitation.

Article 4.— Persons not members may receive tickets of admission for one or more evenings on such terms as the curators shall determine.

Article 5.— The annual meeting of the Lyceum shall be holden on the first Wednesday in November, at which time the officers of the institution shall be chosen, and a public address be made by a person appointed by the Curators.

Article 6.— There shall be a lecture every second evening, and the lecturer shall be procured by the curators; and provision shall be made by the committee on questions for a discussion should there be no lecture.

Article 7.— The exercises on the other evenings shall be discussions, readings, or familiar conversations.

Article 8.— There shall be four disputants on each question, two on each side, to be appointed in Alphabetical order; and they shall speak alternately first on the affirmative and then on the negative.

Article 9.— There shall be a committee of three chosen by the society to select questions and notify the disputants; and it shall be the duty of every member of the society to hand a question to this committee on the first Wednesday of every month.

Article 10.— The subject shall be given to the disputants two weeks previous to its discussion.

Article 11.— In all discussions the speaker shall address the president.

Article 12.— No Member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission of the president.

Article 13.— Questions shall be decided by vote of the society.

Article 14.— Any member who shall accept the appointment to deliver a lecture at a certain time and shall fail to do it or procure a substitute shall pay a fine of one dollar, unless he offer an acceptable excuse.

Article 15.— Every regular disputant shall perform himself or procure a substitute, or pay a fine of twenty five cents.

Article 16.— The Curators shall solicit donations and deposits for the use of the society; and the donations and deposits shall be recorded at the time made, together with donor's, or depositor's name.

Article 17.— A member may have permission to take one book at a time from the library of the Lyceum under the direction of the curators.

Article 18.— Any member may be permitted to use the library or apparatus in the place where it is located under direction of the curators.

Concord Lyceum, January 28. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum and a large number of the citizens, convened by public and general invitation, was held at the Court House, this evening at 7 o'clock. After calling the society to order by the president, Rev. Bernard Whitman, of Waltham, made some introductory remarks on the objects and importance of Lyceums, and gave a very interesting and useful lecture On Popular Superstitions. The president then gave notice that a lecture would be given at this place on next Wednesday evening by Dr Horatio Adams, of Waltham. Voted, That the thanks of Concord Lyceum be given to Rev. Bernard Whitman for his interesting and useful lecture which he has this evening given us.— This vote was immediately communicated by the president. After the audience had retired the society proceeded to the choice of the Committee on Questions; and Daniel Stone Esq., Nathan Brooks Esq. and Mr Nehemiah Ball were chosen said com-

mittee. The president presented the Lyceum with a pamphlet entitled "American Lyceum" published by M^r Holbrook. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Lyceum Feb. 4. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum and a large number of citizens generally convened by public notice was held at the court house this evening. The society being called to order by the President an interesting lecture was given by Doctor Horatio Adams of Waltham on The Natural History of Man. Voted, That the thanks of this society be presented to D^r Adams for his able and useful lecture given this evening. Voted, That the Curators be instructed to ascertain on what terms a permanent place of meeting may be obtained and report at the next meeting. Voted, That the Lyceum hold a discussion at the centre brick school, next Wednesday evening, and that the committee on questions make the necessary arrangements for the same. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Lyceum. Feb. 11. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at the centre school house this evening. Dea. Cyrus Hosmer, one of the curators, reported that the up[pl]er story of the Academy may be obtained for a permanent place of meeting, at annual rent of \$20; and that the first year's rent may be paid in fixtures. Voted, To accept the report and to hold the meetings in future at the Academy agreeably thereto. Daniel Stone Esq. resigned his office as one of the committee on questions; and Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd was chosen in his place. Voted, That, whereas there has for several years existed in Concord a society called the Concord Debating Club, which society it is understood has been of great utility to the members and auditors; and whereas it is desirable that a union should be formed between that society and this Lyceum, as more can be accomplished by united than by separate ex[er]tions;—therefore Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to ascertain on what terms said union may be effected; and Doct. Josiah Bartlette, Nathan Brooks Esq. and M^r Moses Prichard were chosen said committee. M^r Prichard from the committee to procure subscribers reported in part; whereupon Voted, That another be added to said committee and Capt John Brown, was chosen on said committee. Voted, That the Secretary be requested to obtain the signitures of the members in his records. The Lyceum then proceeded to the discussion of the following question:—"Would it be expedient so to amend the constitution of the U. S. as to provide that the president should be chosen for six years and that he should be ineligible to a reelection?" Nathan Brooks Esq— opened the debate in the affirmative and was followed by M^r Nehemiah Ball, Daniel Shattuck, and Lemuel Shattuck, agreeably to the By-Laws. It was decided in the affirmative. Adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Feb. 18. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at the Academy this evening. After the Lyceum was called to order, D^r Bartlette from the committee on the subject presented the following report:—"Concord Feb. 18th. 1829. The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Lyceum, to confer with the Concord Debating Club, upon the means of forming a union of that society with the Lyceum, have met a committee from that society and have received the following proposition which your committee beg leave to report. The Concord Debating Club will discontinue its meetings, and cease to be a society, provided that the actual members of the Debating Club who are not now members of the Lyceum shall be admitted to hear the lectures and debates of the Lyceum without enjoying any other privilege of membership untill such times as they choose to become actual members of the Lyceum. The above proposition of the Debating Club after having been acted upon by the Lyceum is to be laid before the Debating Club at their next meeting, that it may receive the assent of the whole society. All which is duly submitted by your committee. Signed. Josiah Bartlette. Moses Prichard. Nathan Brooks. Com." Voted, That the above report be accepted, and that the same committee be authorised to effect the union on the terms proposed. The Rev. President then gave a Lecture On Raising an Orchard. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Rec. Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Feb. 25th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening in the lower room of the Academy. At the suggestion of the Curators, the Lyceum voted to have a lecture this evening and Edward Bliss Emerson Esq. gave an interesting one on The Geography and History of Asia. Voted, That the thanks of

the Lyceum be presented to M^r Emerson for his interesting Lecture. Voted, The exercises of the Lyceum in future commence at fifte[e]n minutes past seven o'clock precisely. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Lyceum, March 4. 1829.— At meeting of the Lyceum was held at their hall in the up[pl]er story of the Academy for the first time this evening. The President being absent and the vice president being a regular disputant, Col. William Whiting was elected president pro tempore. Then proceeded to the discussion of the following question. Would it be expedient for the State to construct a Rail Road from Boston to the Hudson River near Albany? The affirmative was supported by Lemuel Shattuck, and the negative by Josiah Davis and Nehemiah Ball. After a long discussion the Lyceum decided the question in the affirmative. Adjourned till next week. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord Ma[r]ch 11th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their hall this evening. Doct. Josiah Bartlette from the committee on [the desired union with the Debating Society] submitted the following paper. "To Josiah Bartlette, Moses Prichard, and Nathan Brooks, a committee of Concord Lyceum. I have the pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of Concord Debating Society on the 5th inst the following vote was passed. 'Voted, That the Concord Debating Club will cease to hold meetings, and become henceforth united to the Concord Lyceum, agreeably to a vote of the Lyceum made known to the Club by the above mentioned committee.' Attest. Elisha Fuller, Secretary. It is proper for me to inform you that the following persons were immediate members of Concord Debating Club at the time of its passing the above vote. VIZ. Herman Atwill, Charles B. Davis, Josiah Davis, George Fiske, Elisha Fuller, Cyrus Hosmer, Phineas How, Samson Mason, Ephraim Merriam, David J. Mer[r]ill, John C. Newell, Lemuel Shattuck, Daniel Stone Jr. and William Whiting. Respec[t]fully submitted by Elisha Fuller. Chairman of the committee of Concord Debating Club." Voted, On reading the above communication that the Lyceum accept the terms of union agreed upon. William K. Hedge Esq. of Waltham then gave a Lecture on Heathen Mythology. Voted, That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to M^r Hedge for his interesting Lecture. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Lyceum March 18. 1829.— A meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held this eveni[n]g at their hall. The president being absent, the vice president Josiah Davis took the chair, and proceeded to the discussion of the following question:— Would it be expedient to establish an Infant School in Concord? The affirmative was supported by Phineas Allen, Lemuel Shattuck, Cyrus Hosmer, and Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd, and the negative by Nehemiah Ball, Daniel Stone Jr. and John Keyes. After a long and animated discussion the question was decided in the aff[ir]mative. Voted, That the thanks of the Lyceum for Lectures and donations, be presented by the President or Curators; and not by special vote of the society, unless otherwise directed. Adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Lyceum March 25. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, the President in the chair. Voted, That the exercises of the Lyceum hereafter commence at half past seven o'clock. George Washington Hosmer, of Cambridge College, then gave a lecture on The Reformation in the times of Luther to a very large audience. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord Lyceum April 1. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their Hall this evening. Rev. Doct. Ripley, the president in the chair. The following question was then discussed:— Are religious controversies beneficial? The affirmative was supported by D^r Josiah Bartlette, M^r Nehemiah Ball, and Col. Daniel Shattuck; and the negative by M^r Lemuel Shattuck, Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd and M^r Daniel Stone. After the discussion the president gave his views and the question was decided in the affirmative. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord Lyceum April 8. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening. A Lecture On Rail Roads by William Jackson Esq. of Newton was read. The

Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

April 22d. 1829. A meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held at their hall this evening. Dea. Cyrus Hosmer, one of the curators, gave a Lecture On Opticks. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

April 29th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their Hall this evening; but no lecture was given. Voted, That the Lyceum adjourn its regular meetings to be called together by the curators, when Lectu[r]ers can be procured. And adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

May 13th. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when a very interesting Lecture was given by Dr. Edward Jarvis on Botany. Voted, That Col. William Whiting, Dea. Cyrus Hosmer, and M^r. Nehemiah Ball be a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of making some alterations in the By-Laws. And adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck. Rec. Sec^y.

Concord May 13th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Dr. William Grigg of Boston gave a lecture On Chemistry, accompanied with experiments. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord June 10th. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Dr. Grigg gave a second Lecture On Natural Philosophy, accompanied with experiments. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Note.— During the month of August a course of Lectures on Chemistry was given in the Hall of the Lyceum by Dr. Haniford. The citizens subsc[r]ibed \$35 to pay the course which was attended by 100 individuals, who paid equally. The number of Lectures were ten and were very interesting and satisfactory to the hearers.

Concord Sept. 2. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening. Dea Cyrus Hosmer gave a Lecture On Cuba, one of the West Indies. Col. Whiting from the Committee appointed for the purpose reported as follows. "The Committee chosen by Concord Lyceum to take into consideration what alterations, if any, could be made in the By-Laws, which would be advantageous to the members, and make the institution still more beneficial in its effects, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to make the following report. 1st. That the 2d Article should be so altered as to read thus, 'Each member may admit two ladies, and if married his children in addition.' 2d. That the 6th article should read thus— 'There shall be a lecture as often at least as once a fortnight if the curators whose duty it is, can obtain a lecturer, if not, provision shall be made by the curators, or committee on questions for some other exercise.' 3d. That the 8th article shoul[d] read thus— 'It shall be the duty of the committee on questions, to make out a list of those persons, who will consent to take a part in the discussions; and they shall be called on alphibetically, four on each question, two on the affirmative, and two on the negative.' 4th. That the ninth article should read thus. 'There shall be a committee of three chosen by the Society to select questions, or other exercises, and notify the disputants.' 14th. article to be expunged. 15th article to be expunged. All which is respectfully submitted by your committee. William Whiting, chairman in behalf of the committee." Voted, That the above report was accepted & recorded. Voted, That the Lyceum would proceed [to make] the choice of a Curator in place of M^r. Stone who had left town; and Col. William Whiting was chosen. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord September 16th. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, and M^r. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture, On Natural History, accompanied with splendid representations from the Phantasmagoria Lantern. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord Sept. 23. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. Nehemiah Ball repeated his Lecture On Natural History, given last week,

with some additional remarks. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, October 7th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Nehemiah Ball gave another Lecture On Natural History, accompanied with representations from the Phantasmagoria Lantern. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, October 21st. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Nehemiah Ball gave a Lecture On Astronomy, accompanied with representations from the Phantasmagoria Lantern. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, October 27th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd gave a lecture On Hebrew Poetry. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord Nov. 4th. 1829. The Annual meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held this evening. Cornelius C. Felton [Felton] tutor in Harvard College gave a lecture on The Progress of Knowledge. The lecture was public and given [at] the Court House to a large and interested audience. D. Shattuck was chosen Secretary pro tem. The Curators made the following statement of their doings the past year, which with the treasure[r]s report made at the same time was accepted and ordered to be recorded. "The first meeting for the formation of a Lyceum in this town was held (as appears from the records) Dec. 3d. 1828, at which time a committee was chosen to draft a constitution. At an adjourned meeting two weeks after, a constitution was proposed to the citizens, but for want of unanimity nothing was, at that time effected. It may not [be] amiss to remark here that our prosperity [? prospects] at this juncture were very discouraging. But few persons realized the importance of such institutions, and those few took very different views of the same subject. However, by persevering efforts, the regulations were at length adopted and the officers chosen. ¶ It had been asserted and generally believed, that a sufficient number of lecturers, especially among our own people, could not be obtained. And this assertion was thought to have been proved, for our first lectures were obtained almost exclusively from abroad. The uncertainty, trouble, and expence attending this method were severely felt; but it has we think prepared the way for a better state of things. Our first lecture was given Jan. 28. 1829, since which time we have had 17. The first 8 all except 2 by non residents, the last 8 all by residents but 3; and enough are already engaged to warrant the belief that in future we may have lecturers [sic] from men of intelligence as often as the society shall think expedient. We think from the very nature of the society, as well as from experience, that this belief is well founded. There is scarcely a man among us of any intelligence, who is not better acquainted with some one or more subjects than his neighbours; and will a majority of such persons be so wanting in benevolence as to confine their knowledge to their own bréasts for want of a little confidence? More especially when it is considered that a person cannot confer a benefit on others without being benefitted as much or more himself. We have felt the want of apparatus, maps, books, &c. and have made such purchases as our limited means would justify. Our contingent expences will be less, we think in proportion to our means for the future, and as it is important [to] diffuse as well as extend the benefits of this institution, we would recommend that the terms of admission be reduced one half, that it may be brought within the means of all. Believing that Lyc[ea]ums are well calculated to remove the defects, and car[r] out the designs of common school education, furnishing the best substitute for unprofitable and corrupting amusements, by uniting improvement with social intercourse and pleasure, we solicit the cooperation of all those who wish to improve themselves or their children. All those who take an interest in the moral and intellectual progress of society. ¶ The state of the Treasury as appears from the Treasurer's report [ils a[s] follows.

Received of 3 Life members	\$10 each	- - -	\$30.00
"	for season tickets	- - - - -	64.50
"	for door tickets		.80
			<hr/> \$95.30

Paid Isaac Cutler for fitting up the hall \$20, Cabinet 2	—	22.00
" Josiah Davis & Gardner Davis for materials for do.	—	5.69
" John Stacy for books \$3.30. — J. Moore for attendance 50		3.80
" Dr Griggs expences \$7.50 — 2 maps of the world 7.00		14.50
" Codman & Claxton for apparatus — — —		30.00
" Hilliard & Brown for Library of Useful Knowledge —		9.69
" Pendleton for Lithrographical prints — —		1.50
" Cyrus Hosmer expences in procuring lecturers —		3.25
		<u>\$ 90.43"</u>

The foregoing report was submitted by Dea. Hosmer in behalf of the curators. Voted, That it be the duty of the curators annually to exhibit in a condensed form the amount of money's received and expended with an account of the doings of the society for the past year, with any improvements which may be suggested to their minds. Voted, That the constitution be so altered that the annual subscription of membership be reduced to one dollar in the centre of the town and fifty cents in the outer parts of the town. Voted, That when in the opinion a discussion may be held after a lecture is given, that they may have authority so to do. Voted, That the curators be the committee to propose questions. Voted, That the society now proceed to the choice of the officers for the ensuing year; and that Abiel Heywood Esq. and Dr Josiah Bartlette be a committee to collect, assort and counts [sic] the votes: The following gentlemen were then chosen:— Rev. Ezra Ripley D.D. President. Mr Josiah Davis Dea. Reuben Brown Vice Presidents. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary. Phineas Allen, Corresponding Secretary. Capt. Ephraim Merriam, Treasurer. Dea. Cyrus Hosmer Col. William Whiting Mr Nehemiah Ball Curators. And the Lyceum adjourned. Signed Daniel Shattuck, Sec. p. t. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, November 11th. 1829. The Lyceum held a public meeting in the Court house this evening; and Rev. Ezra Ripley D.D. gave a lecture on Habits. Voted, That a committee of five be chosen to make all suitable arrangements for the meeting proposed to be held here on Monday next, for the purpose of forming a county Lyceum; and Messrs. Josiah Bartlette, Lemuel Shattuck, Moses Prichard, Elijah Wood, and John Stacy, were chosen said committee. Voted, That five delegates be chosen from this Lyceum to attend said convention; and Messrs Rev. Dr Ripley [and] Saml Hoar and the Curators were chosen said delegates. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, November 18th. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their hall this evening, and Mr Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture on Astronomy; accompanied with representations from the Lantern. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, November 25th. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at their hall; and Mr Phineas Allen gave a lecture on Natural Philosophy as introductory to several proposed on the same subject. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, December 2d. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their hall this evening; and Dea. Cyrus Hosmer gave a lecture on The Physical Changes which have taken place on the Globe. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, December 9th. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at their hall, and Mr Phineas Allen gave a lecture on Natural Philosophy, in continuation of those before commenced. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, December 16th. 1829.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at their hall, and Dr. Josiah Bartlette gave a lecture on The Doctrine of Temperiments. The Lyceum then discussed the following question: Is it probable the New England States will be able to retain their present influence in the nation? Mr N. Ball and Dea. Hosmer spoke in the affirmative; and Dr Shattuck and J. Davis in the negative. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, December 23d. 1829. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at their hall and M^r. Phineas Allen gave a lecture on Natural Philosophy. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, December 30th. 1829. The Lyceum held a regular meeting this evening, Rev. D^r. Ripley in the chair, and M^r. Lemuel Shattuck gave a lecture on The History and progress of the Free Schools in N. England. The following question was then discussed:- Ought the Legislature to grant a lottery to raise money for completing the Bunker-Hill Monument? —Messrs. D. Shattuck, and N. Ball spoke in the affirmative, and Messrs. Josiah Bartlett, Thomas Davis and Dea. Hosmer in the negative:- After which the president made a few remarks, expressive of his own opinion. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, January 6th. 1830. The Lyceum held a regular meeting this evening, when Dea. Cyrus Hosmer repeated his lecture on The West Indies. The following question was then discussed:- Would it be expedient for the United States to purchase Texas? — Messrs. Ball and T. Davis spoke in the affirmative and M^r. L. Shattuck in the negative. The President then gave his own opinion accompanied with remarks. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord January 13th. 1830.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their hall this evening. Being disappointed in the expected lecture this evening, the Lyceum proceeded to the discussion of the following question:- Would it [be] right for the United States to compel the Creeks and other Indian tribes to remove from the lands they now occupy to the regions beyond the Mississippi? M^r. Ball spoke in the affirmative, and Messrs. Allen, T. Davis, L. Shattuck, and D. S. Southmayd, in the negative. Not coming to any decision, the Lyceum adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, January 20th. 1830.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held at their hall this evening, and Col. Daniel Shattuck gave a lecture on The Mississippi Valley. The following question was then discussed:- Ought provision to be made by law for the support of the Poor? Messrs. J. Davis and L. Shattuck spoke in the affirmative, and Messrs. C. Hosmer and N. Ball in the negative. The president after some judicious remarks as usual, gave his own opinion. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord January 27th. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual, but were disappointed in the expected lecture. Dea. Cyrus Hosmer made some remarks on the geography and history of New England. The discussion of the question, before the Lyceum on the 13th. inst. respecting the Indians, was resumed. D. Shattuck in the affirmative, J. Davis in the negative. After some time spent the Lyceum adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord February 3d. 1830.— The Lyceum met at their hall as usual, and M^r. Charles Chauncy Emerson of Cambridge gave a lecture on The Constitution of Man as affected by outward circumstances. The Lyceum then proceeded to the discussion of the following question:- Ought a law to be passed giving to surgeons the bodies of persons dying in prisons and the eleemosinary institutions of the country, not claimed by their friends for the purpose of facilitating the study of Anatomy? M^r. Phineas Allen, Col. D. Shattuck, and Hon. Samuel Hoar, spoke in the affirmative, and J. T. Davis in negative. The discussion was very able and interesting. The [president] gave his opinion in the affirmative. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord February 10th. 1830.— The Lyceum met at their Hall as usual, when D^r. Edward Jarvis gave a lecture On the Philosophy of Botany. In the absence of the president at a debate, Col. W^m. Whiting was called to the chair; and the following question was discussed: Ought Income to be taxed? The affirmative was supported by Dea. Hosmer and Capt. Ephraim Merriam; and the negative by Rev. D^r. Ripley and L. Shattuck. Decided by the president in the negative. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord Feb. 19. 1830.— The Lyceum met this [evening] instead of the 17th inst. on account of the ordination of Rev. M^r. Goodwin; and D^r. Edward Jarvis continued his lecture On Philosophical Botany. Voted, That the discussions be suspended for the present; and be held only when specially ordered by the curators. Notice was given by the treasurer to have the annual assessments of the members paid in. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord February 24th. 1830.— The Lyceum met at their hall this evening at half past seven.— Owing to the absence of the lecturer, who was expected to speak to the Lyceum this evening, Dea. Cyrus Hosmer made some remarks on The Geography of the Middle States. The following question was then discussed:— Is the practice of wearing mourning beneficial? The affirmative was supported by J. Davis and D. Shattuck and the negative by J. T. Davis and M^r. Shipley. Decided by the president in the negative. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord March 3. 1830.— The Lyceum met this evening at the Court House, for the accommodation of an audience convened by public notice to hear a lecture from the agent of the American Colonization Society. A lecture was given by M^r. William B. Swet of the Cambridge Theological School on Attention. After the Lyceum lecture the members and the audience tarried and heard an address from M^r. Plumbly on the objects of the American Colonization Society. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord March 10th. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual this evening; when The President, Rev. D^r. Ripley gave a lecture on Economy. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord March 17th. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual this evening, when M^r. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture on Natural History accompanied with representations of the Lantern. The weather was very inclement. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord March 24th. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual this evening, and on account of the weather last meeting and for the gratification of several which were not there M^r. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture on Natural History principally a repetition of the one given last week. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, March 31. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual at their hall; and Dea. Cyrus Hosmer gave a lecture on Natural Philosophy, accompanied with experiments from the apparatus belonging to the Lyceum. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, April 7th. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual this evening; and M^r. John Graham gave a lecture on The Geography and history of Africa. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Recording Secretary.

Concord, April 14th. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual this evening; when M^r. Farley of Cambridge The[ological] School gave a lecture on The Progress of mind. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord April 21. 1830. The Lyceum met as usual at their Hall; and D^r. Edward Jarvis gave a lecture on Timber Trees & Bottany. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord April 28. 1830.— The Lyceum met as usual at their Hall; and M^r. Herman Atwill gave a lecture on The affinity of man with the Brute Creation. Voted, That the regular meetings of the Lyceum be in future suspended, to be called together at any time at the pleasure of the Curators. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord May 12. 1830.— The Lyceum met this evening to choose delegates for the County Lyceum meeting to be held in this town on Tuesday the 18th instant.

Chose Hon. John Keyes, Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin, Dea. Cyrus Hosmer, Nehemiah Ball and Col. William Whiting. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord, Aug. 16. 1830.— A special meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening to take into consideration preparatory measures to the commencement of the winter season. — The curators called the meeting to order. Hon. John Keyes was chosen president pro tem. Voted, That the curators be instructed to make enquiries to ascertain whether a place of meeting cannot be obtained which would be more central and generally convenient. Voted, That they be also instructed to obtain from the members a list of signitures to a paper which they may draw up, who shall agree to give a lecture or furnish a substitute, stating the time when it shall be given, the arrangement to include the whole season; and also that they make similar arrangements for the discussions by obtaining a voluntary list of members who shall agree to discuss a question, at stated periods. After considerable discussion the Lyceum adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck.

Concord Sept. 22^d. 1830. The first regular meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held at the Court House this evening when Rev. Ezra Ripley D.D. gave a public lecture On Mental Effort. After the Lecture Rev. H. B. Goodwin, at the request of the president, read an Essay from the Journal of Health on the Diet of children. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Sec^y.

Concord Sept. 29. 1830. A regular meeting of the Lyceum was held at their Hall and M^r. Carter, teacher of our Grammar School gave a lecture on the motto of the School Committee—Knowledge is Power. The following letter was submitted to the Lyceum by the Secretary. "Concord Sept. 28. 1830. To the Officers of the Lyceum in Concord Gentlemen, At a meeting of the County Lyceum held at Concord on the 18th. of May, it was voted 'That all town Lyceums in this County be requested to make reports to the corresponding Secretary of the County Lyceum on their present state and prospects on or before the 15th. of October; and that this vote be communicated to them by the Corresponding Secretary.' — You will be kind enough to give your earliest attention to the above vote, and direct your communications to Josiah Bartlett, Corresponding Sec^y." Whereupon it was voted, That the Recording Secretary be requested to communicate the information requested in the preceding letter. Voted, That the Curators be requested to procure some person to deliver a lecture commemorative of the events which have recently taken place in France, before this Lyceum. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec^y.

Concord October 6. 1830. A regular meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening and Dea. Cyrus Hosmer gave a lecture On Education. After the lecture was concluded, M^r. Nehemiah Ball read from the Annals of Education, the introductory address of its editor M^r. William C. Woodbridge. The Lyceum then closed. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Secretary.

Concord, October 13. 1830.— On account of tempestuous state of the weather, no lecture was given this week.

Concord, October 20. 1830.— A regular meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening and M^r. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture On Heat and Ventillation. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Recording Sec.

Concord, October 27. 1830.— A regular meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, and Rev. Asa Rand, Editor of the Education Reporter, gave an interesting lecture On Education. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Record. Sec^y.

Concord, November 3. 1830. The annual meeting of the Lyceum was held publicly at the Court House this evening. A Lecture was expected from the Hon. Edward Everett, but after a large audience had assembled a letter was received from him stating his inability to attend on account of ill health. Accompan[y]ing this letter were the printed sheets of the lecture he intended to have given, and which were soon to be published. Rev. D^r. Ripley read the letter; and Rev. H. B. Goodwin read parts of the interesting lecture which was on the Working Men's

party. After the audience had retired the Treasurer made the following report which was accepted:- "The Treasurer of the Concord Lyceum respectfully reports— That there are at this time sixty five members of the Lyceum, four of whom are life members;- that there has been paid into the Treasury one hundred and thirty one dollars and forty eight cents:- that the sum of one hundred and six dollars and thirty three cents have been paid out; leaving a balance in the treasury of twenty five dollars and fifteen cents. All which is submitted. Ephraim Merriam, Treasurer. Concord Nov. 3. 1830." Dea. Cyrus Hosmer in behalf of the Curators made a verbal report. The following officers were then chosen for the year ensuing:- Rev. Ezra Ripley, President. Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin Vice presidents. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary. M^r. Phineas Allen, Corresponding Secretary. Capt Ephraim Merriam, Treasurer. M^r. Nehemiah Ball Col. William Whiting D^r. Josiah Bartlett Curators. On motion of the Rec. Sec.— Voted, That a committee be chosen to procure additional members of the Lyceum;—and Messer D. Shattuck, Prichard, N. Barrett, J. B. Clark, E. H. Bellows, N. Rice, G. M. Barrett and James Wood were chosen said committee. The following gentlemen were then chosen delegates to the annual meeting of the County Lyceum to be held at Lexington next week:- Cyrus Hosmer, William Whiting, Daniel Shattuck, R. Brown, and Nehemiah Ball. The Lyceum then adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Rec. Sec.

Concord November 10. 1830. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Doctor Josiah Bartlett gave a lecture on Temperaments. After the lecture the question—Whether Georgia has a right to extend her laws over the Indians within the limits of her state?—was discussed. D. Shattuck and J. Keyes spoke in the affirmative, and L. Shattuck in the negative. The discussion was then referred to the next meeting. The Lyceum then voted to meet in future at half past six o'clock. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec^y.

Concord November 17. 1830. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Rev. H. B. Goodwin gave a lecture On the Means Animals have to preserve themselves from the effects of Heat and Cold. The subject of last week's discussion was continued. L. Shattuck and Hon. S. Hoar spoke in the negative and N. Ball in the affirmative. President decided in the negative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord November 24. 1830. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture On Astronomy accompanied with the Phantasmagoria Lantern. After the lecture Dea. Hosmer made some observations on School Keeping. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord December 1. 1830.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. Herman Atwill gave a lecture On the History of Printing. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec^y.

Concord Dec. 8. 1830.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. Phineas Allen gave a lecture On Astronomy. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Dec. 15. 1830.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Rev. H. B. Goodwin gave a lecture On a Geological History of the Glo[be]. After the lecture the following question was discussed:- Ought the custom of wearing mourning for the loss of relatives to be abolished? N. Ball and L. Shattuck spoke in the affirmative, and D. Shattuck in the negative. M^r. Goodwin, as president, decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Dec. 22. 1830. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. Charles C. Emerson, from Cambridge, gave a lecture On the History of Public Amusements. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord Dec. 29. 1830. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Rev. D^r. Ripley gave a lecture On Habits. adjourned Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord Jan. 5. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r George Folsom of Worcester gave a lecture On the History of the French Revolution. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Jan. 12. 1831. On account of the inclemency of the weather no meeting was held this evening.

Concord January 19. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening. On motion of M^r L. Shattuck which was introduced with remarks Voted, That the curators be authorised and requested to procure a case for a suitable cabinet of minerals. D^r Josiah Bartlett gave a lecture On Digestion. The following question was then discussed—Ought capital punishments to be abolished?—and decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord January 26. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Brigham, of Boston, gave a lecture On Climate. The following question was then discussed—Ought imprisonment for debt to be abolished? Messrs James Rob[bl]ins, Phineas How, and Henry Moore in the negative; and Messrs Prichard, Parker, and Clark in the affirmative. The debate was adjourned to next week. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, Feb. 2. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Lemuel Shattuck gave a lecture On Entomology, or the Natural History of Insects. The discussion of the question of last week was resumed. Charles Bowers, E. B. Patch spoke in the affirmative, and D^r Ripley, P. How, and Henry Moore in the negative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, Feb. 9. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r George Davis of the Law School gave a lecture On Alchymy and Astrology. The discussion of the question of last week was resumed, and Messer Atwill, Prichard, and Hunt in the affirmative; and Messer Darling and How in the negative. Before the question was decided the debate was adjourned. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, Feb. 16. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Theodore Parker gave a lecture On the History of Rome. The discussion of the last week was concluded. M^r Ball in the affirmative, and M^r Fuller in negative. Decided by a [vote] of 10 to 5 in the negative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, Feb. 23. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Rufus Hosmer Esq., of Stow, gave a lecture On the History of Civil Liberty. The following question was then discussed, Ought the money which may be obtained for the Massachusetts Claim to be appropriated for the construction of Rail Roads? Messrs Prichard, Merriam, Moore and Keyes spoke in the affirmative and Messrs Howe, Atwill, and L. Shattuck in the negative. Decided in the affirmative. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, March 2. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Hon. John Keyes gave a lecture On Difference in Opinion. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord March 9. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Thomas H. Darling gave a lecture On Mechanics. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, March 16. 1831. In consequence of the inclemency of the weather very few of the members were present; and it was voted to adjourn the meeting. Lemuel Shattuck Recording Secretary.

Concord March 23. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r Thomas Hopkinson, of Cambridge, gave a lecture On the History of Architecture. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary.

Concord March 30. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. C. D. Jackson, teacher of the grammar school, gave a lecture On Poetry. The following question was then discussed:- Are the objects and results of the American Colonization Society such as to deserve public patronage? The affirmative was supported by Rev. Messrs Goodwin and Southmayd, and the negative by the Hon. John Keyes. There being no descession [sic] made the Lyceum adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary.

Concord April 5. 1831. A meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held this evening, when, in the absence of the lecturer appointed for this evening, M^r. Lemuel Shattuck gave a lecture On the early efforts to civilize the Indians in Concord. The debate on the question discussed last evening was resumed. Hon. John Keyes spoke in the affirmative and Rev. M^r. Southmayd and Hon. Samuel Hoar in the affirmative. After a protracted debate till 10 o'clock the question was taken and decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord April 12. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. teacher of the Academy in Stow gave a lecture On the History of Astronomy. The following question was then discussed:- Ought the Liberty of the Press to be restrained by Law? M^r. Jackson spoke in the affirmative and M^r. Moore in the negative. Decided in the negative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord April 20. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Capt. Anthony Wright gave a lecture On the History and Culture of the Silk Worm. Adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck. Rec. Sec.

Concord, April 28. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Rev. Bernard Whitman, of Waltham, gave a lecture On the Geography of the Western States. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord May 5. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when M^r. Freeman Clark, of Boston, gave a lecture On the Political State of Europe. Voted, The regular meetings of the Lyceum be in future suspended, till called together at the discretion of the curators. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Shattuck Rec. Sec.- Note. Since February a band of music has generally attended the meetings and performed between the literary exercises of the Lyceum. Their services have been generally very well received. The meetings of the Lyceum during the past season have been better attended than the last year; and lectures with few exceptions have been of a very respect[ab]le character. They have been highly useful.

Concord August 16. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening by order of the Curators. The meeting was called to order by Rev. M^r. Goodwin, and the Hon. Samuel Hoar was called to the chair. The objects of the meeting having been stated by the Curators, Voted, That the 5th Article of the By-Laws be so far amended that the annual meeting be held hereafter on the Third Wednesday of September, instead of the first Wednesday of November annually. Voted, To propose for adoption at the next meeting, the following amendments to the Constitution:- 1. In the first article, instead of "persons under eighteen years of age," there be inserted, "persons under twenty one years of age." 2. In the tenth article to strike out the words "of one half," and add the letter s to the words alteration and amendment. Voted, That a committee of nine be chosen for procuring subscribers to the course of lectures the approaching season, and give certificates of membership:- And Messrs Josiah Bartlett, Nehemiah Ball, William Whiting, Nathaniel Rice, Cyrus Wheeler, Ephraim H. Bellows, George M. Barrett, James P. Brown, and Nathan Barrett were chosen said committee. Voted, That Messrs Hersey B. Goodwin, John Keyes, Daniel Shattuck, Ephraim H. Bellows, and Nathan Barrett be delegates to the next meeting of the Middlesex County Lyceum. Adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck. Rec. Secretary.

Concord Sept. 21. 1831. A public meeting of the Lyceum was held at the Court House this evening, and the exercises began with music by the Concord

Band. Rev. H. B. Goodwin then gave a lecture On the Objects and advantages of Lyceums. After the performance of two pieces of music the audience retired and the Lyceum proceeded to the business of the annual meeting. The records of the last meeting were read. Voted, That the amendments to the Constitution, proposed at the last meeting, be adopted. The Recording Secretary then made the following report, which was unanimously accepted. "The Secretary of Concord Lyceum begs leave respectfully to report, that, from the records it appears that during the past year, thirty lectures were given—the first Sept. 22. 1830, the last May 5. 1831, and one in each intervening week except three which were suspended on account of the peculiarly inclement weather. Nineteen of these lectures were given by members, and eleven by others. The lectures were on—"Mental effort,"—the motto "Knowledge is Power,"—"Education,"—"Heat and Ventilation,"—"Education,"—"Principles of the Working men's Party,"—"Temperaments,"—"the Means animals have to preserve themselves from the effects of heat and cold,"—"Astronomy,"—"the history of Book Manufacture,"—"Astronomy,"—"the Geological History of the Globe,"—"the history of Public Amusements,"—"Habits,"—"the History of the French Revolution,"—"Digestion,"—"Climate,"—"Entomology,"—"Alchymy and Astrology,"—"the History of Rome,"—"the History of Civil Liberty,"—"Difference in opinion,"—"Mechanics,"—"the History of Architecture,"—"Poetry,"—"the early efforts to civilize the Indians in Concord,"—"the History of Astronomy,"—"the History and culture of the Silk Worm,"—"the Geography of the Western states,"—and "the Political state of Europe." Many of these lectures were prepared with great labour and talent, and were the sources of much instruction and usefulness. ¶ The following among other questions were discussed:—"Whether Georgia has a right to extend her laws over the Indians within the limits of her state?"—"Ought imprisonment for debt to be abolished?"—"Ought capital punishments to be abolished?"—"Ought the money obtained for the Massachusetts claim to be appropriated for the construction of Rail Roads?"—"Are the objects and results of the American Colonization Society such as to deserve public patronage?"—"Ought the liberty of the press to be restrained by law?" &c. &c.—Discussions of one question were frequently continued through several evenings, and elicited some of the greatest talent in town, bringing information of importance to every one. During intervals before and between the exercises the Concord Band occasionally volunteered their services to heighten the enjoyments of the evening. This exercise introduces variety into Lyceums, and it is hoped will be continued. ¶ A review of the whole proceedings and results of the last year is most encouraging. As far as public sentiment has been ascertained, the objects of Lyceums is becoming more and more approved. It is very evident that there is no way of accomplishing so much good for a trifling expence as by Lyceums; and they recommend themselves in the strongest terms to the patronage of all. All which is respectfully submitted, Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec. Concord Sept. 21. 1831." Voted, That the Treasurer's report be deferred to the next meeting, and that the Curators be instructed to audit the same before said meeting. Voted, To proceed to the choice of officers; and Dr. Josiah Bartlett, Col. Daniel Shattuck, and Dea. Reuben Brown were chosen a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes. The following gentlemen were then unanimously chosen. Rev. Ezra Ripley D.D. President. Rev. Daniel Southmayd Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin Vice Pres. Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary. Mr. Phineas Allen, Cor. Secretary. Mr. Phineas How, Treasurer. Dr. Josiah Bartlett Mr. Nehemiah Ball Col. William Whiting Curators. Voted, That the Committee chosen at the last meeting to obtain subscribers be requested to retain their subscription papers two weeks to solicit others; and that they then return them to the Secretary. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Sept. 28. 1831.—A public meeting was held this evening at the Court House when Capt. Anthony Wright gave a lecture On the History and Culture of Silk. Instrumental music by the Concord band was given. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord October 5. 1831.—A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at their Hall when Mr. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture On Heat and Ventilation. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord Oct. 12. 1831.—A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when

John M. Cheney Esq. gave a lecture On the Theory of Sound, or Accoustics. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Oct. 19. 1831.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Edmond Lambert Cushing of Harvard College gave a lecture On the Atmosphere. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Oct. 26. 1831.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Dr. Bartlett of Lowell gave a lecture on the History of Witchcraft. The question—Do the advantages resulting from Cattle Shews justify the public expence required for their maintenance? The affirmative was advocated by Rev. Dr. Ripley, and Col. D. Shattuck; and the negative by Phineas How, and Ephraim Merriam. Adjourned without coming to a descision. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord November 2. 1831.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held when Mr. Lemuel Shattuck gave a lecture On the History of Concord for eight years prior to the 19th April 1775. The discussion of the question before the Lyceum last week was resumed. Ephraim Merriam and Reuben Brown spoke in the affirmative; and Phineas How and Lemuel Shattuck in the negative. Decided by the president in the affirmative, and confirmed by the Society by a vote of 11 to 1. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord Nov. 9. 1831.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. Jacob Colwell, teacher of the Academy, Stow, gave a lecture on Astronomy. Question discussed.— Ought Capital punishments to be abolished? Mr. Tolman in the affirmative, and John M. Cheney and John Brown in the negative. decided in the negative. adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Nov. 16. 1831.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. Henry Moore gave a lecture On a Tryal by Jury. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Nov. 23. 1831. A public meeting was held this evening at the Court House when Mr. Nehemiah Ball gave a lecture On Zoology, accompanied by the Phantasmagoria Lantern. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, Nov. 30. 1831.— A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Dea. Cyrus Hosmer, of Northfield, gave a lecture on The Geography and character of N. England. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, December 7th. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. Phineas Allen gave a lecture on Astronomy. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, December 14th. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. A. H. Lawrence of Groton gave a lecture on Eloquence. And the Lyceum adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Secretary.

Concord, December 21. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. Joseph Lyman of Cambridge gave a lecture on the character of the Indians. Adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, December 28th. 1831. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. Thomas Hopkinson gave a lecture On History. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord January 4. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Mr. G. S. Hilliard of Cambridge gave a lecture on the Life of Sir Walter R[aleigh]. The following question was then discussed:— Ought the third article in the bill of rights to be abolished? Messrs Bowers, L. Shattuck and J. Davis advocated the affirmative; and Messrs How and Merriam the negative.— decided in the affirmative. Adjourned, Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord January 11th 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening

when Rev. Ezra Ripley D.D. gave a lecture On the Motto—"Pull all together." The following question was then discussed:- Ought corporeal punishment in the discipline of schools to be abolished? Messrs Ball and Brown spoke in the affirmative and Messrs L. Shattuck, J. Davis, D. Shattuck, and Southmayd, in the negative. Decided in the negative. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, January 18th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when M^r. W. S. Upton of Cambridge gave a lecture On the disposition of estate by Will. The[re] was no discussion or music. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord January 25th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, but in consequence of the absence of the individual, who was expected to deliver a lecture, there was none given. After some time spent in dissultory [sic] discussion of several subjects the Lyceum adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.^y.

Concord February 1st. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Rev. Daniel S. Southmayd of Concord gave a lecture on the Study of the learned Languages. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord February 8th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when D^r. Edward Jarvis of Northfield gave a lecture On the properties of life. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord February 15th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when M^r. Augustus P. Peabody of Cambridge gave a lecture on the Tariff, or Taxation. After the lecture M^r. L. Shattuck remarked on the proceedings of the State Lyceum recently held, which drew forth considerable discussion on the question, whether the members of the Lyceum should not use more exertions to prepare themselves to lecture and for discussion. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord February 22. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Col. Daniel Shattuck gave a lecture on Manufactures. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord, February 29. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when M^r. James C. Richmond, agent for the cause of education in Greece, gave a lecture on the condi[tion] of that country and recommended the establishment of a school at Athens. On motion of M^r. L. Shattuck Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to take the subject of the lecture into consideration, and adopt such measures as they may deem expedient to lay it before the citizens of the town; and Hon. Samuel Hoar, Rev. M^r. Goodwin, and Rev. M^r. Southmayd were chosen said committee. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord March 7th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when M^r. Barzillia [sic] Frost of Framingham gave a lecture on the benefit of discussions. The following question was then discussed:- Would it be expedient to form a county temperance society? Messrs L. Shattuck and Southmayd advocated the affirmative; and Messrs Cheney and How the negative:- Decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck. Rec. Sec.

Concord March 14. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, but in consequence of the absence of the lecturer there was no lecture given. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord March 21. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Thomas Hopkinson Esq. of Groton gave a lecture on the History of Poland. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Secretary.

Concord March 28th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin gave a lecture on The Egyptian Hieroglyphics. Adjourned. Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord April 4th. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck Rec. Sec.

Concord April 11. 1832. The last meeting of the Lyceum for the season was held this evening when Rev. M^r Hedge of West Cambridge gave a lecture On Political Economy. Adjourned Lemuel Shattuck, Rec. Sec.

Concord Sept 19th- 1832 A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening by order of the Curators. The meeting was called to order by Col. Wm. Whiting who stated the object of the meeting to be that of choosing officers for the ensuing year. He then read the constitution of the society. Mr Ball presented the following report in behalf of the Curators which was unanimously accepted. "The Curators of the Lyceum in obedience to the requirements of the by Laws respectfully ask leave to make their an[n]ual report. Agreeable to an amendment of the constitution the an[n]ual meeting of the Lyceum the past year for the choice of officers was held on the 3^d Wednesday of September instead of the 1st Wednesday of Nov. as formerly. From that time a lecture was given on the Wednesday evening of each week with one or two exceptions till the 11th of April following—a period of nearly seven months. The Lectures were upon the following subjects V.I.Z. The advantages of Lyceums—Culture of Silk—Heating & Ventilation—Acoustics—Atmosphere—Witchcraft—History of Concord—Astronomy—Trial by Jury—Zoology—Geography & Character of New England—Eloquence—Character of the Indians—History—Life of Sir Walter Raleigh—Study of the learned Languages—On the Motto, "Pull altogether"—Disposition of Estate by Will—Properties of Life—Tariff & Taxation—Manufactures—State of Greece—Benefits of Discussions—History of Poland—and Political economy. During a part of the time there were also discussions upon various questions proposed by members of the Lyceum. The number of members belonging to the Lyceum the past year was 118—a greater number than has belonged to it in any former year. Upon auditing the accounts of the Treasurer the Curators find that the funds of the Lyceum the greater part of which was obtained by subscriptions of its members amount to 72 Dols & 76 cts which with an unexpended ballance recd. from the former Treasurer of 7-14- makes 79 Dols- 90 cts- Of this sum there has been expended the past year for Rent, Fuel, Taking care of and lighting up the Hall, defraying the traveling expences of several gentlemen from out of town who gave gratuitous Lectures, building a Cabinet for minerals, for the "Annals of Education" and other incidental expences the sum of 72 Dols 44 cts. leaving in the hands of the treasurer a ballance of 7 Dol- 46 cts. The Curators are not aware that any demands exist against the Lyceum except what may have become due for rent since last March and 3 dollars for the annals of Education a periodical which is doing much for the cause of Education and which in the opinion of the Curators should be read not only by school committees & instructors but also by all who feel an interest in the education of children. The method adopted the past year at the reorganization of the Lyceum to obtain funds, members & Lecturers the Curators recommend should be adopted the present year also. The success which has hitherto attended our Lyceum notwithstanding the obstacles encountered and efforts necessary to sustain it in successfull operation has only served to confirm us in the opinion which has often been here & elsewhere expres[s]ed that institutions of this kind judiciously conducted as well calculated to remove the defects & carry out the design of a common school education and social intercourse—so far as it combines improvement with pleasure and furnishes the best substitute for unprofitable & corrupting amusements. But as in common schools those members only who feel interested and apply themselves closely can secure all the advantages which they are calculated to impart so in Lyceums and all other institutions which have mutual improvement in knowledge and science for their object can its members hope to derive lasting advantage but by efforts to improve their own minds and impart knowledge to others—and our own experience shows that in the same proportion as individuals have come forward and laboured to sustain the cause of education has been their own progress in knowledge and science. In closing this report the Curators fondly indulge the hope that all who favour progress of knowledge will come forward and aid in sustaining the Lyceum the present season with profit and advantage to all its members and that those whose age and attainments would seem to place them above such humble institutions so far as their own advancement is concerned would

nevertheless aid in effecting the grand object in view. In this way and in this only do the Curators believe that all the advantages to be derived from Lyceums can be effectually secured. Submit[t]ed in behalf of the Curators Concord Sept 19= 1832." Voted, That Col. Whiting remain in the chair—and to proceed to the choice of officers. The following gentlemen were then unanimously chosen— Rev. Ezra Ripley D.D. President. Mr Josiah Davis Mr. Wm. Whiting Vice Pres. Mr. Albert Tolman, Rec. Secretary. Mr. Phineas Allen, Cor. Secretary. Mr. Phineas How, Treasurer. Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin Mr. Nehemiah Ball D^r Josiah Bartlett Curators. Voted, That a committee be chosen to procure subscribers to the Lectures for the coming term and Rev. H. B. Goodwin, Nehemiah Ball, Josiah Bartlett, Nathaniel Rice, Cyrus Wheeler, E. H. Bellows, George M. Barrett, James P. Brown, Nathan Barrett, Albert Tolman and Charles Bowers were chosen said committee. Adjourned. Albert Tolman, Recording Secretary.

Concord Oct. 20. 1832 At a meeting of the Lyceum this evening the following gentlemen were chosen delegates to attend the meeting of the County lyceum on the 24th inst.: Hersey B. Goodwin, Josiah Bartlett, Edward Jarvis, and Albert Tolman. Adjourned. Albert Tolman Rec. Secy.

Concord Oct. 24. 1832. The lyceum met this evening when D^r Edward Jarvis gave a lecture on Fre[e]dom of Mind. Adjourned. Albert Tolman Recording Secretary. At this meeting D^r Bartlett resigned the office of curator & D^r Edward Jarvis was chosen instead.

Concord Nov. 1. 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at which the following question was discussed—Is the Union threatened by the present aspect of affairs? The disputants were Col. Dan^l Shattuck and Mr Phineas How in the affirmative, Dr. Ripley and D^r Edward Jarvis in the negative. Hon. Sam^l Hoar also spoke in the affirmative. The discussion was continued with much spirit till past the usual hour for adjournment. Voted, that the same question be discussed at the next meeting. Adjourned. Albert Tolman Rec. Secy.

Concord Nov. 6, 1832. At a meeting of the Lyceum this evening Rev. Mr. Sibley of Stow gave a lecture on The object and Means of Education. The discussion of the question, Is the Union threatened by the present aspect of affairs? was resumed by Mr. Keyes, who spoke in the negative. Mr. Hoar made a few remarks and asked a few questions. Mr. Davis who was in the chair did not decide the Ques[tion]. A committee of three was chosen to ascertain if a better place for the meetings of the Lyceum could be found—VIZ, D^r J. Bartlett, Col. Shattuck & Capt. E. H. Bellows. A. Tolman Secy.

Concord Nov. 14th, 1832. The Lyceum met at the usual hour this evening. Dr. Ripley took the chair. The committee chosen at the last meeting reported that they were unable to find a place better than the one now occupied by the Lyceum and the members voted to remain where they were. D^r Ripley gave a lecture. The following Question was discussed: Has a civilized nation a right to take posses[s]ion of the country of a savage people? Col. Shattuck, Albert Tolman & Phineas How spoke in the affirmative. D^r Jarvis & Josiah Davis in the negative. Decided in the negative by the president. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Secy.

Concord Nov. 21st. 1832 The Lyceum met at the usual hour. D^r Ripley took the chair. Col. Shattuck mooved that the hour of meeting should be half past six and the members voted in favour of the change. Albert Tolman gave a lecture on The results of Machinery. This question was then discussed V.I.Z. Is a fertile soil best calculated to call forth the energy of a people? The disputants were Albert Tolman in the affirmative, Chas. Bowers in the negative. Mr. J. Davis supported the affirmative; D^r Ripley & Col. Shattuck, the negative. Decided in the negative. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Secy.

Concord Nov. 28~ 1832. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening when Dea. Cyrus Hosmer of Northfield gave a lecture on Defects in the system of Edu-

cation. The question discussed was this: Ought a rate of interest to be established by law? Henry Moore & Albert Tolman in the affirmative; D^r Jarvis & Charles Bowers in the negative. Decided in the affirmative by the 2^d Vice president & vote of the members. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y-

Concord Dec. 5th. 1832 The Lyceum met this evening. Mr. Bowen gave a lecture on The modern history of Greece. The following question was discussed: Ought representatives to be bound by the instructions of their constituents? Col. Whiting & Mr Bowen, in the affirmative; A. Tolman & C. Bowers in the negative. Decided in the negative by the president. Adjourned. Albert Tolman Rec. Sec^y-

Concord Dec. 11. 1832. The Lyceum met this evening but owing to the inclemency of the weather and the bad travelling there was no lecture given. The evening was profitably spent in the discussion of this question VIZ, Would it be right for the legislature to make Warren Bridge free? Mr. Bowen in the affirmative. Col. Shattuck & D^r Jarvis in the negative. Decided in the negative. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y-

Concord Dec. 19th. 1832. The Lyceum met this evening and Mr. Peapody [sic] of Cambridge gave a lecture on Capital Punishments. The following question was discussed: Does Man or Woman exert the most influence on the character of society? D^r Ripley & D^r Jarvis were on the side of the Ladies. Mr. Bowen & Col. Shattuck opposed them. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Dec. 26th. 1832 The Lyceum met this evening and Mr. William Whiting jr. gave a lecture on Phrenology. The following question was discussed: Were the services of Collumbus or of Washington most beneficial to mankind? Dr. Jarvis & Mr. Bowen spoke in favour of Columbus. Mr. H. B. Goodwin & Col. Shattuck in favour of Washington. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Concord Jan. 2^d 1833. The lyceum met this evening and Mr Lawrence gave a lecture on The Character of Oliver Cromwell. The question discussed was this, Does the solemnity of an oath increase the obligation to tell the truth? D^r Jarvis, Col. Shattuck, Henry Moore & Albert Tolman spoke on the subject. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Concord Jan. 9th 1833 The Lyceum met this evening and Mr. Charles C. Emerson gave a lecture on One of The West India Islands. This question was discussed, VIZ. Ought provision to be made by law for the support of the poor? A. Tolman, J. Davis, Col. Shattuck & D^r Jarvis engaged in the debate. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Jan. 16th 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and M^r. Barnum gave a lecture the object of which was to explain a new system of instruction in the cardinal branches of an English education. The lecturer occupied so much time that the discussion of the question previously proposed was postponed. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y

Jan. 23. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening, and Mr. Keith of Framingham gave a lecture on The objects of—and proper subjects for Lyceum Lectures. The question discussed was this. Does the light of nature teach the immortality of the soul? Col. Whiting, Dr. Jarvis, A. Tolman and Mr. Keith spoke in the affirmative. Henry Moore and Josiah Davis in the negative. Voted that the same question be discussed next week. Adjourned. A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y-

Concord Jan. 30. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and Charles Bowers gave a lecture on The Constitution and Government of the United States. The question—Does the light of nature teach the immortality of the soul?—was again discussed. Col. Whiting, D^r Prescott, D^r Jarvis and A. Tolman in the affirmative. Henry Moore in the negative. Decided in the affirmative. Adjourned, Albert Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Feb. 6. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and Albert Tolman gave a lecture on The Division of Labor. The following question was discussed: Is the multiplicity of books advantageous? Mr Phineas How, Albert Tolman and Henry Moore spoke in the affirmative. Charles Bowers and Dr Jarvis in the negative. Decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Albert Tolman Rec. Sec^y-

Feb. 13. 1833 This evening is a stormy one. A few of the members met—so few that it was thought best to adjourn without transacting any business. Albert Tolman Rec. Sec^y-

Feb. 21st. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and Col. William Whiting gave a lecture On the Character of a man of business. This question was discussed: Ought the money raised for the support of schools to be divided among the districts in proportion to the tax paid by each—or in proportion to the number of children? A. Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Concord Feb. 27. 1833 The Lyceum met this evening and Dr Valentine gave a lecture on Digestion. There was no discussion this evening. Albert Tolman Rec. Sec^y.

Concord March 6. 1836 The Lyceum met this evening and Rev. Dr Ripley gave a lecture on The means of preserving health. This question was discussed: Were the patriots of the revolution justifiable in their treatment of the tories? Dr Ripley & Capt. Merriam spoke in the affirmative. Dr Jarvis & Col. Whiting in the negative. Decided in the negative. Adjourned. Albert Tolman Rec. S^y.

March 13. 1833 The Lyceum met this evening and Dr. Edward Jarvis gave a Lecture on Intemperance. The question for discussion was postponed to next week. Mr. Albert Tolman said that being about to leave town, he was compell[ed] to resign his office of rec. Sec. Voted— To proceed to the choice of rec. Sec. in place of Mr. Tolman resigned. Phineas How was chosen. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. Sec^y.

March 20. 1833. On account of unpleasant weather, & very bad traveling, there was no meeting of the Lyceum this evening. Phineas How Rec. Sec.

Concord March 27. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and Capt. Ephraim H. Bellows gave a Lecture on The Tariff Laws. The question—have Theatrical exhibitions a good moral tendency?—was then discussed by John S. Brown and Col. Daniel Shattuck in the aff. and Henry Moore in the neg.—decided in the negative. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. Sec.

Concord April 3^d. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and Mr. Henry Moore gave a Lecture on The History of the Honey Bee. The question for discussion was postponed to next week. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. S^y.

Concord April 10th. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and Mr. Francis Bowen gave a Lecture on Indian Antiquities of the Western Country. The following question—Are the intellectual qualities of the whites naturally superior to those of the negro race?—was then discussed by Henry Moore and Edward Jarvis in the affirmative—and by John S. Brown and Daniel Shattuck in negative. Adjourned. Phineas How, Rec. S^y.

Concord April 17th 1833. The Lyceum met and a lecture was given by Mr. William Prichard on The Antiquities of Egypt. The question—Ought New England to encourage emigration to the West?—was then discussed by Mr. Henry Moore in the aff. and Col. Daniel Shattuck & Doct. Edward Jarvis in the neg.—decided by the President in the aff. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. S^y.

Concord April 24. 1833. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening and a Lecture was given by Mr Benjamin B. Thatcher on The objects & advantages of the Colonization Society. On motion of Dr Shattuck the question for discussion was postponed for two weeks. On motion of Edward Jarvis Voted— That when the Ly-

ceum adjourn, it adjourn for two weeks in consequence of the Ladies Exhibition which is to be held on wednesday of next week. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec SY

Concord May 8. 1833. The Lyceum met this evening and a Lecture was given by Mr. Edward Farmer on Coulers & Coulering. A discussion then took place on the question—Would it be an act of humanity to emancipate at once, all the slaves in the United States? John S. Brown in the aff. and H. Moore & E. Jarvis in the neg.—P. How, D. Shattuck, J. Bartlett, E. Jarvis & E. H. Bellows, were chosen a committee to take into consideration the subject of procuring a more suitable place for the meeting of the Lyceum. Adjourned. Phineas How R.S.

Concord May 15. 1833 The Lyceum met this evening and the question—would the conferring of literary and scientific degrees upon Ladies, as recently proposed in Indiana College, be desirable?—was discussed with great spirit and ability by Henry Moore, in the aff., and Edward Jarvis and John S. Brown, in the neg.—decided by the President in the neg. and his decision was confirmed on an appeal to the Lyceum. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. Se^y.

Concord May 22, 1833. The Lyceum met this evening. In the absence of the President, and all the vice Presidents, P. How was chosen President pro tem. The committee chosen to take into consideration the subject of procuring a more convenient place for the future meetings of the Lyceum made a verbal Report, the substance of which was, that they had confer[r]ed with the mill dam Corporation, who are about erecting a building, but were not able to come to any agreement with them, as the building which they propose to erect would not in the opinion of the Committee be sufficiently large to accommodate the Lyceum. The duties of the above Committee being at an end, another Committee—consisting of Phineas How, Edward Jarvis, Josiah Bartlett, John Stacy, and Ephraim Merriam—was chosen, to take the same subject into consideration and report at some future meeting. Edward Jarvis, Daniel Shattuck & Ephraim Merriam were chosen a committee to settle with the Treasurer. The following question—Does the Pulpit or the Bar afford the greatest field for Eloquence?—was then discussed by Daniel Shattuck in the aff. and Edward Jarvis in the neg. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. Sec'y.

Concord Sept. 18, 1833 The Lyceum met at the Centre Brick School House according to notice. Nehemiah Ball was chosen chairman. The report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to procure a more convenient place for meeting was read, and after a short discussion was laid on the table to be acted on at the next meeting. Voted—that when the Lyceum adjourn, it adjourn to the 2^d Wednesday of Oct. provided a Lecturer can then be obtained; if not, to the third Wednesday. Adjourned. Phineas How Rec. Secy.

Concord Octr. 9, 1833 The Lyceum met by adjournment this evening at the Centre Brick School-House—Dr. Ripley in the Chair. The Report which was read at the last meeting was again read, and after a few remarks by Daniel Shattuck and William Whiting was accepted. "Report" The committee chosen at the last meeting of the Lyceum to procure a more central & convenient place for their meetings, have attended to that duty and ask leave to Report. The committee aware of the inconvenience of attending the Lyceum at the place heretofore occupied by it, on account of its location being far from the centre of the vil[l]age, and feeling sensible that there is great cause for the complaints that have been made, have given the subject a full examination. They have taken pains to ascertain the views and wishes of the People. The prospect which existed last spring of having a central and convenient place for their meetings no longer exists, and the committee are not able to make so favourable a report as they had wished. From an examination of the Treasurers account it appears there is but 131 in his hands and that there is outstanding debts against the Lyceum to the amount of more than eleven Dollars. It is therefore deemed necessary that the expenses should be reduced. Probably the receipts will be increased by a removal of the Lyceum to a more central place, yet it was thought proper to take that subject into consideration in making this report. The committee therefore recommend, that the Lyceum meet for the present in the Centre Brick School House; they come to this conclusion not from its being the most convenient room for

meeting, but from its central location, and the want of funds to meet the necessary expenses of the Society. per order Signed— Phineas How — chairman." Nehemiah Ball in behalf of the Curators made the following report—which was read & accepted. "Report— The curators of Concord Lyceum in compliance with former usage submit their fourth Annual Report, agreeable to the Constitution. The last annual meeting for the choice of officers was held the 19th Sept 1832. From that time to 22^d of last May the Lyceum with one or two exceptions held weekly meetings at which lectures were given upon various subjects, many of which were both interesting and instructive. Discussions were also had, which were generally conducted with no inconsiderable degree of talent and ability. The meetings were generally well attended but the number of members, who became such by their annual subscriptions, we regret to say was much less than that of the year preceeding. The whole amount of Funds received the past year is not far from 33,00— and the expenses of the Lyceum for that time, the greater part of which are for rent, will probably amount to 38,00. Should the Lyceum be removed to the brick school house agreeable to the recommendation of your committee appointed for the consideration of that subject it will tend materially to lessen in future the expenses of the institution. A consummation devoutly to be wished by those engaged in obtaining the necessary Funds. The Library which consists of 113 Pamphlets and some 2 or 3 volu[m]es has been placed under the care of Capt. John Stacy who has very generously offered his services gratuitously as Librarian. As one of the leading objects of the Lyceum is the mutual improvement of its members in knowledge and science and as this can be effectually accomplished only by the individual exertion of its members it is ardently hoped that all who feel friendly to the cause of education and the general diffusion of useful knowledge will come forward and aid in effectually sustaining an institution which promises such important advantages to the community at large and especially to the rising Generation. Signed— In behalf of the curators Nehemiah Ball." Voted— To proceed to the choice of officers. Charles Bowers & Josiah Davis were chosen a committee to collect, sort & count the votes, which resulted in the choice of the following officers: Josiah Bartlett, President; William Whiting, 1st Vice President; Rev^d John Wilder, 2^d [Vice President]; Timothy Prescott, Rec. Secretary; Phineas Allen, Corresponding Secretary; Daniel Shattuck, Treasurer; Edward Jarvis John Stacy Phineas How Curators. John Stacy, Nehemiah Ball and Phineas How were chosen a committee [to] collect subscribers. Voted— That the thanks of the Lyceum be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Ripley (to whom we are principally indebted for its early establishment) for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of President to the present time. Adjourned to the Meeting House where a lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by B. B. Thatcher of Boston on Colonization. Adjourned. Phineas How — Rec Sec^y

Concord Lyceum October 23 1833 The Members of this Society met at the Brick School house & a Lecture was given by Mr Henry Moore, in which he described the Geography of Newfoundland & manners & Customs of its Inhabitants, after which the following question was discussed: Ought the Antislavery Society to be encouraged? Doctr. E. Jarvis in the affirmative & Mr Henry Moore in the negative. Decided by the President in the negative. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sec^y

Concord Lyceum Oct^r 30, 1833 The members of this Society met at the Centre School House & the following interesting question was discussed: Ought the amendment to the 3^d Article of the Bill of Rights passed at the last Session of the General Court to be adopted by the people? The discussion was conducted in a verry able manner by the Hon. John Keyes in the affirmative & the Hon. S. Hoar in the Negative. On motion of Mr. Keyes voted [to] adjourn without deciding the question. Timothy Prescott Record. Sec.

Concord Lyceum Nov. 6, 1833 The members of the Society met at the Brick School house. The discussion of the question before the Lyceum last week was resumed. The Hon. Mr Keyes & the Rev^d Mr Wilder spoke in favour of the amendment & the Hon. Mr Hoar against. The question was decided by the President in the negative. From his decision an appeal was made to the Society & the Society

sustained their President Ten to Eight. And then adjourned. Timothy Prescott
Recording Secy

Concord Lyceum Nov. 13, 1833 A meeting of the members of the Society was held this evening at the Centre School-house when Mr. Turner gave a lecture on the principle Cities in China & the manners & Customs of its Inhabitants. After which the following question was discussed: Are Academys of advantage to this Commonwealth? Josiah Davis, Col. Daniel Shattuck & N. Ball in the affirmative & Doct^r E. Ripley & Doct. E. Jarvis in the Negative. The question was decided by the President in the affirmative. From his decision an appeal was made to the society who sustained their President. Voted, That the hour of meeting in future be half past six o'clock instead of seven as heretofore. Adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec. Sec'y

Concord Lyceum Nov. 20, 1833 A meeting of the members of the Society was held this evening at their room when Mr Biglow of Boston gave a Lecture on the Tariff Laws, or the American System so-called. The following question was then discussed: Are the morals of the People better now than formerly? Rev^d E. Ripley in the affirmative and the Rev^d Mr. Wilder in the negative. The debate was continued with considerable interest until past the usual hour & some other Gentlemen signifying a wish to be present on the subject. Voted to adjourn. Timothy Prescott Rec^d Sec.

Concord Lyceum Nov. 27, 1833 At a meeting of the Members of the Society at their room this evening Doct^r Edward Jarvis gave a lecture describing the Strength, power & food of the various Beasts, Birds, Fish & Insects compared with Man, after which the question of last week (Are the Morals of the People better now than formerly?) was resumed & discussed by Dr. E. Ripley, Mr. Ball, & the Hon. Mr Keyes in the affirmative & by the Rev^d Mr Wilder & Doct^r J. Prescott in the negative. The debate was continued with some warmth until past the usual hour when the President decided the question in the affirmative. Adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec^d Secy.

Concord Lyceum Dec. 4 1833 At a meeting of the Members of the Society at their room Mr Wm. M. Pritchard gave a Lecture on the Proper Study of Man. The question for debate this evening: Is a dense population generally more immoral than a scattered? The disputants in the affirmative not being present, the question was dismissed and the Society adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec^d Sec.

Concord Lyceum Dec. 11 1833 A meeting of the members of the Society was held at their room this evening. Mr Ball gave a lecture on Seasoning & pre-serving Timber, Tanning, Embalming &c., after which the following question was discussed: Ought Toll to be taken at the Warren Bridge for the purpose of revenue to the State after said Bridge shall have become the property of the Commonwealth? Timothy Prescott in the affirmative; Mr Phineas How and John Keyes Esq. in the negative. The debate continued until past the usual hour when the question was decided by the President in the affirmative. Timothy Prescott Record. Sec'y

Concord Lyceum Dec 18, 1833 At a meeting of the members of this Society held at their room this evening Mr Charles Emerson of Boston gave an interesting lecture on the life, Death & Character of Socrates. The subject for debate this evening was postponed until the next. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Record. Sec'y

Concord Lyceum Dec 25, 1833 A meeting of the members of the Society was held at their room & the following question discussed: Is the erection of National Monuments a Judicious expenditure of Money? Mr Ball, Doct. E. Jarvis, Doct E. Ripley & Mr How in the affirmative; Col. D. Shattuck, Timothy Prescott and Mr Wilder in the negative. Decided by the President in the Negative. Adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec^d Secy

Concord Lyceum January 1 1834 At a meeting of the members of this So-

ciety held at their room this evening Mr Turner gave a lecture on the art of Printing after which the following question was discussed: Is a dense more immoral than a scattered population? Charles Bowers & Mr Turner in the affir. & George Moore in the negative. The question was decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec^d Sect'y

Concord January 8th 1834 A meeting of the Members of the Lyceum was held at their room & the following question discussed: Ought the reading of Novels to be encouraged? The affirmative of the question was supported by Mr Wilder & Col. Whiting & the negative by Doc^{tr} Jarvis & Doc^{tr} Prescott. The question was decided by the President in the affirmative & the meeting was adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recor^d Sectry

Concord Lyceum January 15, 1834 A meeting of the members of this Society was held at their room, the President being absent. Col. Whiting the 1st Vice President took the Chair & remarked that the Curators were disappointed by the person who was expected to lecture & that there would be no lecture this evening. Doct^r Ripley made some remarks on the manner of discussing questions, after which the following question was discussed: Ought the liberty of the Press to be restrained? Josiah Davis & Rev^d Mr. Wilder supported the affirmative of the question & Doct Ripley, Charles Bowers, & Doctr Jarvis the negative. The question was decided in the negative & the meeting was adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec^d Sect'y

Concord Lyceum Jan'y 22, 1834 A meeting of the members was held this evening & the following question discussed: Are Contributions for the poor beneficial to the Community? Charles Bowers, Ephraim Merriam & Dr Prescott supported the affirmative of the question & Col. Wm. Whiting & the Rev^d Mr Wilder the negative. The question was decided in the affirmative & the meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Record= Sect'y

Concord Lyceum Jan'y 29, 1834 A meeting of the members of this Society was held this evening at their room when the Rev^d M^r Blanchard of Lowell gave a lecture the substance of which was against Wars of any kind. After which on motion of Rev^d Mr Wilder Voted— To put over the subject for discussion until the next meeting & debate the subject of the lecture. The following gentlemen took an active interest in the debate, viz. The Rev^d Mr Wilder, Rev^d Mr Blanchard, Doc^t Ripley & Doc^t Jarvis. Timothy Prescott Recording Secty

Concord Lyceum Feb. 12, 1834 At a meeting of the members of the Society held at their room, Voted to alter the time of meeting from half past 8-o-Clock to Seven P.M. The Rev^d E. Ripley then gave a lecture on the formation of Character, after which the question of last week was resumed & discussed: Is the difference of Colour in the human species the effect of Climate or of other Causes? Doctr. E. Jarvis contended that it was not the effect of Climate but did not assign any other cause. Mr Wilder made some remarks in reply to Doct^r Jarvis. Doctr Ripley made some remarks by way of inquiry. Doctr J. Prescott signified a wish to speake but being past the usual hour gave way to a motion by Mr Howe to adjourn, which was carried. Tim^y Prescott Record Secretary

Concord Lyceum Feb 19 1834 At a meeting of the members of the Society held at their room Mr Hildreth agent for the Massachusetts Temperance Society being present made some remarks on the subject of intemperance after which the question of last week was resumed & discussed: Is the difference of Colour in the human Species particularly the difference between the African & the European races the effect of Climate or of other Causes? Doctr Prescott contended that it was not the effect of Climate. Doctr Jarvis continued his argument of last week on the same side. Mr Wilder contended as before that it was the effect of Climate. The meeting was adjourned without coming to any decision on the question. Timothy Prescott Record Sectry

Concord Lyceum February 26ⁿ 1834 At a meeting of the members held at their room Doct^r Edward Jarvis gave a lecture on the Analogy between the Animal

& Vegatable world, after which the following question was discussed: Ought a majority of votes in all Cases to be required in the Election of Officers? Mr Howe, Doct^r Jarvis & Mr Keyes supported the affirmative & Timothy Prescott & Mr Ball the negative. Mr Ball having obtained the floor—it being past the usual hour—a motion was made to adjourn which was not sustained by the members of the Lyceum. Mr Ball then proceeded, but soon after gave way for another motion to adjourn which was carried & the meeting was adjourned accordingly. Timothy Prescott Recording Secretary

Concord Lyceum March 5th 1834 At a meeting of the members held at their Room Col. Wm Whiting gave a Lecture describing good working Men—after which the question of last week was resumed & discussed: Ought a majority of votes in all cases to be required in the Election of Officers? Mr Ball having the floor commenced the debate in the negative & was followed by M^r Keyes in the affirmative & by Timothy Prescott & Mr Wilder in the negative. The question was decided in the negative & the meeting was adjourned. Timothy Prescott Record. Sect^{ry}

Concord Lyceum March 12, 1834 At a meeting of the members held at their Room the following Question was discussed: Ought Senators & Representatives to be bound by the Instructions of their Constituents? Col. Whiting & Doct^r Jarvis supported the affirmative & the Rev^d Mr Wilder, the negative of the question. The question was decided in the negative & the meeting was adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sect^y

Concord Lyceum March 19 1834 A meeting of the members was held this evening at the Centre School House when Mr Felton a student of Harvard College gave a lecture on Comets. Adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sec'y

Concord Lyceum March 26 1834 A meeting of the Members was held at their Room & Wm. Whiting Jr gave a Lecture on the Enterprize & Genius of Man. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Rec: Sect^y

Concord Lyceum April 2^d 1834 A meeting of the members of the Society was held at this room this evening when Joseph T. Buckingham Esq. gave a lecture on the American Character. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sec^{cy}

Concord Lyceum April 9, 1834 The Society met at their room, the President in the Chair. The Rev^d Mr Wilder, who was expected to lecture, was present but thought as there was a thin house it would be best to postpone the lecture until next week. But Doctr Ripley & others thought differently & it was motioned to postpone the lecture but the motion was not sustained, after which Mr. Wilder gave a lecture on the means of personal improvement & the Society adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sect^y

Concord Lyceum April 16, 1834 The Society met at their room this evening, the President in the Chair, when Mr Albert Nelson of Carlisle gave a Lecture on the popular belief in Witchcraft & Fairies as formerly understood. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sect'y

Concord Lyceum April 23, 1834 The Society met at their room this evening, the President in the Chair, when Mr B. B. Thatcher of Boston gave a lecture on the Longevity of persons in different States & Countries. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Record. Sect^y

Concord April 30, 1834 A meeting of the Members of the Lyceum was held this Evening at the Court House when Doct^r Jackson of Boston gave a lecture on Volcanoes, which was listened to with great interest by a full House, after which the meeting was adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Secretary

Concord May 7th 1834 A meeting of the members of the Lyceum was held at the Brick School House this Evening in consequence of the weather being rather

unfavourable but few members were present & it was thought best to postpone the lecture until the next evening. A motion was made by Col. D. Shattuck to close the Lyceum for this season after the next meeting. This motion produced some debate in which Doctr Jarvis, Col. Shattuck, Col. Whiting, Phinehas Howe & Timothy Prescott took part. Subsequently Col. Shattuck so modified his motion that the subject be left to the Curators, which passed unanimously & the meeting was adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sec'y

Concord May 14 1834 A meeting of the members of the Lyceum was held at the Brick School House this evening and a lecture delivered by the Rev^d Waldo Emerson of Boston. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott " Recording Sec'y

Concord June 11, 1834 The members of the Lyceum met at the Rev^d Mr Wilders meeting house and Elexander H. Everett of Boston gave a verry interesting lecture to a full House. The meeting was then adjourned. Timothy Prescott Recording Sec'y

Concord Oct 29 1834 A meeting of the members of the Lyceum was held this evening at the Centre School house, Doct J. Bartlett the President in the Chair, this being the first meeting of the Lyceum. Charles Emerson of Boston gave a Lecture to a full & crowded house which was listened too with great attention. The lecture was one of the first order, the object of which was to set fourth the importance of every Man's being thoroughly acquainted with the several duties he may be called on to perform in life, whether they be civil, political, or religious. After the lecture was over & the audience had retired the members were called to order by the President, when Doct^r Jarvis in behalf of the Curators submitted the following report which was read, accepted & ordered to be re[c]lordered. "Report— The Curators ask leave to submit this annexed Report for 1833-34. The operations of this institution during the last winter were eminently useful. The number of members & the audience were unusually large through the season. The number of meetings were 33; the number of lectures 22 & discussions 32. We had lectures from citizens belonging in Concord 11. From persons abroad 11—at an expense of \$33,88, we paying the expences of the Lecturers. We found greater difficulty in procuring lecturers the last year that we did the year before and we fear we shall find the difficulty increased this year. Therefore your Curators recommend that another committee be raised to procure a large subscription to meet the probable expences.

The whole receipts into the Treasury last year—subscription	\$57.00
Sale of the old case & balance in Treasury last year	8.40
	<u>\$65.40</u>
Expenditures for Hall lights &c	\$19.00
do for expence of lecturers	33.88

Balance in Treasury [penciled in:] \$11.61

All which is respectfully submitted by your Curators. E. Jarvis Chairman." On motion Voted to proceed to the choice of officers, which resulted as follows: Chose a committee of two viz. Phinehas Howe and C. H. Turner to receive, assort & count the votes. Chose Rev^d H. B. Goodwin President. Capt Jn^o Stacy 1st Vice President. Nehemiah Ball 2^d Vice President. Geo. F. Bemis Recording Sec'y. C. H. Turner Correspondg sec. Hon Daniel Shattuck Treasurer. Doct^r Edward Jarvis, Phinehas Howe, Timothy Prescott—Curators. Phinehas Howe, Timothy Prescott, C. B. Davis, Cyrus Warren: Committee to raise the subscription contemplated in the Curators Report. On motion Voted that the Lyceum commence its operations under the direction of the Curators as soon as the subscription list is full & all paid in & not before. Voted to dissolve this meeting. Timothy Prescott Recording Sec'y

Concord Nov. 19, 1834 The members of the Lyceum met at their room this evening. The President in the Chair. The Secretary being absent Timothy Prescott was chosen Sec'y Protem. The records of the last meeting were then read by the Sec'y & there being no other business before the Society the President (Mr Goodwin) gave a verry interesting lecture on Geology—after which the fol-

lowing question was discussed: Is it expedient to establish a Savings Bank in this Town? The following gentlemen took part in the debate viz. Capt. E. Merriam, Col. D. Shattuck, Doctr. E. Jarvis & Mr Howe. The question was decided in the affirmative. Timothy Prescott Secretary Pro Tem.

Concord Nov^r 26th 1834 A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at the centre school house. Mr Geo. F. Bemis gave notice that necessary engagements would prevent his acting as Recording Secretary. The Members then proceeded to fill the vacancy. William Whiting Junior was elected. On a motion by Dr J. Bartlett it was Voted "That the Lyceum meet hereafter at half past 6 o'clock." A Lecture was delivered by Mr. R. W. Emerson, of Boston, after which a discussion took place on the question, Whether it be expedient to check the progress of Immigration into this Country by Law? In the affirmative William Whiting, Jr; and in the negative A. F. Nelson. The debate was adjourned to the next meeting. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Rec^d Sec^y

Concord Dec^r 3^d 1834. The Members of the Lyceum were called to order by Dr Jarvis. The President & V. Presidents being absent, Mr. W^m Whiting was chosen P[resident] P. T. No Lecturer having been procured for this evening, the discussion of the above-mentioned Question was resumed. W. W. Jr. & the Hon. Daniel Shattuck in the aff: Mess^{rs} A. H. Nelson, E. Jarvis, & R. W. Emerson in the negative. It was decided by the Members in the Negative. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Rec^d Secretary.

Concord Dec^r 10th 1834. The Lyceum met as usual. The Question for discussion was as follows: Ought there to be a Law compelling parents to send their children to school? The President & V. Pres^{ts} being absent, N. Brooks Esq was called to the chair. Messrs Dennis, Jarvis, & Keyes spoke in the Aff: & they were answered in the negative by Messrs Hoar & Nelson. The President's decision was in the Negative. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Recording Secretary.

Concord Dec^r 17, 1834. The President and one of [the] V. Presidents of the Society being absent, Capt. J. Stacy, the other V. P. expressed his inability to give a regular attendance at our meetings; and he resigned his office. Mr. Phineas How was then chosen Vice President. A Lecture On Self-Education was read by B. B. Thatcher, Esq. of Boston. The question for discussion was postponed. Adjourned. William Whiting, Jr. Recording Secretary

Concord Dec^r 24th '34 The Society being called to order, a Lecture On the History of the Puritans was read by Mr. Ezra Weston of Boston. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Recording Sec^y

Concord Jan^y 1st 1835 The Lyceum having been called to order, a Lecture on The Study of Natural History was read by the Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Boston; after which a Discussion followed (Dr. E. Jarvis in the aff. & A. H. Nelson Esq in the neg) of the Question, Whether active business or intellectual employments are best calculated to develop the energies of Man? Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Recording Sec^y

Concord Jan^y 8th 1835 The Society met according to adjournment and attended to a Lecture by Rev. Mr. J. A. Williams On the permanent character of the Christian Religion. The discussion this evening was on the Question, whether the Rate of Interest ought to be established by Law? In the affirmative Messrs How & Merriam; in the negative, Messrs Nelson & Jarvis. The debate was as usual arrested by the arrival of the hour for adjournment; & the opinion of the members was not called for. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Recording Secretary

Concord Jan^y 15th '35 The Society being called to order, attended to a Lecture by Dr Parker of Bellerica on a pleasing variety of subjects, illustrative of Education. The question for debate was Whether there is a greater amount of political knowledge in our country now, than there was at the time of the Revolution? Aff. Dr. Jarvis; in the Neg. Mr. Field. A. H. Nelson Esq. & W^m Whiting Jr. on neither side. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. R. Sec^y

Concord Jan^y 22^d '35 The Members being called to order by the President attended to a Lecture on The Study of American History by W^m Brigham Esq of Boston. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. Recording Sec.

Concord Jan^y 27th 1835 The Lyceum met on Wednesday evening agreeably to public notice. The Secretary being absent, Mr Charles Turner was chosen Sec. pro tem. As the Lecturer for the evening did not appear, the following question was discussed, Ought a Savings Bank to be established in this Town? whereon Messrs How, Ball, Merriam, Goodwin, Whiting & Prescott expressed their opinions. The decision was in the affirmative. Copied from the record of Mr Turner. W^m Whiting, Jr. R. S.

Concord Feb^y 4ⁿ 1835 The Members of the Lyceum were called to order as usual & were favoured with a Lecture by the Rev. Dr. Ripley On the union of Public & Private Interests. The Discussion was postponed to the next meeting. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. R.S.

Concord Feb^y 11th [1835] The Lyceum being called to order attended to an able & interesting discussion of the Question Whether the French Revolution was the cause of more good than evil? Affirmative Rev. R. W. Emerson, Rev. Dr Ripley & Albert H. Nelson Esq. Negative Dr Ed. Jarvis. The President decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. RS.

Concord Feb^y 18th 1835. The Lyceum being called to order, Rev. H. B. Goodwin in the chair, attended to a Discussion of the following question, Whether the immediate abolition of Slavery be expedient? Mr Charles B. Davis opened the question in the affirmative, & was followed in the negative by Rev. Ezra Ripley. A Lecture was delivered by Mr Josiah G. Abbott of Chelmsford on The History of Turkey. The question for discussion was postponed. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr Recording Sec^y

Concord Feb^y 25, 1835. The members met as usual, and the Discussion of the Abolition Question was resumed. Mr Charles Bowers & Dr Ripley spoke in the Negative; and the Rev John Wilder in the affirmative. The Discussion was again adjourned to the next meeting. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr Record^g Secretary

Concord March 4th 1835 The Society was called to order, the Rev. Hersey B. Goodwin in the chair. The Rev John Wilder Jr. continued his remarks on the Question, Whether the immediate abolition of Slavery be expedient. He was followed in the Negative by Dr Edward Jarvis, & Albert H. Nelson Esquire; the Discussion being closed by Mr Geo. Brown on the affirmative, was decided by the President in the negative. This opinion was, on appealing to the Members, confirmed by a vote of 18 in the negative and 3 in the affirmative. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr Recording Secretary

Concord March 11th 1835. The Lyceum having been called to order by the President attended to a Lecture on Diet by Dr. Edward Jarvis. After which the Question was discussed, Whether Government ought to make reparation for the injury done by Mobs to private property? C. C. Emerson Esq^r in the affirmative; Mr A. H. Nelson negative. The President's Decision was in the negative. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. R S.

Concord March 18th [1835] The Members were called to order by Mr How, the second Vice President. An Introductory Lecture on the Study and uses of Biography was delivered by the Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Boston. A Discussion was then held on the Question Whether the services of La Fayette in the cause of American Liberty were greater than those of Patric[k] Henry? Dr Ed. Jarvis, affirmative; W Whiting Jr. negative. Decided in y^e Aff. Adjourned. W^m Whiting Jr. RS.

Concord Mar^{ch} 25th 1835. The Society being called to order by the second V. President attended to a Lecture on The causes which led to the "Revival of Learning" by Mr. C. C. Field. After which a discussion followed on the following

question: Ought the N^o of Representatives to be diminished? Neg. Cap^t Merriam; affirmative Mess^{rs} How, Nelson & C. C. Emerson. Decided by Mr P. Allen (in the chair as P[resident] P. T.) in the aff. & his decision was unanimously confirmed by an appeal to the Members. Adj. W^m Whiting Jr R S

Concord April 1st '35 The Members of the Lyceum having been called to order by Mr How, the 2^d V. Pres^t attended to a Lecture by Mr Albert H. Nelson on the Evidences of the truth of the first twelve chapters in the Writings of Moses (Genesis). The Question for discussion was Whether capital punishments ought to be abolished? Affirmative: Mr L. J. Russell, Dr E. Jarvis & Rev. Dr Ripley. Neg. Mr. Turner. The decision of the Chair was in the — Adjourned. William Whiting Jr Recording Secretary

Concord April 8th [1835] The Society having been called to order, Dr Jarvis in the chair, attended to a Lecture by Mr C. C. Field, of Concord, on the History of the Jesuits. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr Recording Sec^y

Concord Apr^r 15th [1835] The Lyceum being called to order attended to a Lecture by Rev.^d R. W. Emerson on The Character of Martin Luther. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr R. Secretary—

→ [Cf. infra under Nov. 17, 1835.]

Concord April 22^d [1835] The Lyceum being called to order as usual attended to a Lecture by O. S. Rieth Esquire On the connexion between the interests of different classes in Society. ~~Radicalism~~. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr RS.

Concord April 29th 1835. The Lyceum being called to order as usual were favoured with a Lecture on Meteors by Mr S Felton of Charleston. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr. RS.

Concord May 6th [1835] The Members being called to order by the President listened to a Lecture on Geology by Dr Jackson of Boston. Adjourned. William Whiting Jr Recording Sec^y

Concord Oct 21 1835 The Lyceum was re-opened this evening. The first business which came before the Society was the choice of officers, which resulted in the election of: Mr. Nehemiah Ball, President; Mr. Phineas How, 1st Vice-President; Mr. Timothy Prescott, 2^d [Vice-President]; Mr. Charles B. Davis, Corresponding Sec.; Mr. Hiram B. Dennis, Recording [Sec.]; Mr. Charles B. Davis, Treasurer; Mr. Phineas How, Mr. Timothy Prescott, Mr. Albert H. Nelson Curators. After which, the following report was read and accepted: "The Curators of Concord Lyceum for the year 1834-5 ask leave to report— That the institution was carried on with it's previous good success during the last season. The subscription of members was as large as usual, and the attendance of the meetings continued full, & often crowded even untill late in the Spring. There were twenty six meetings, commencing Nov 19th 1834, & ending May 6th 1835. During this time, there were twenty lectures delivered—Eleven by residents of Concord and Nine by gentlemen of other towns. And there were sixteen discussions of questions. The lectures were interesting and instructive. The discussions animated and popular. The amount of subscriptions was

Balance in Treasury Nov. 1835

Of which there has been paid for expense of lecturers 26

For lighting hall for old debt. E Jarvis Chairman of Curators." It was Voted, That the officers of the society be a committee for raising the usual subscriptions. Voted, That the meetings of the Lyceum be discontinued untill the subscription-list be full. After this, the Society listened to a lecture from Thomas Hopkinson Esq^r of Lowell on the subject of Common School Education. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Rec. Sec.

Concord Lyceum Nov 4 1835 A Lecture on Michael Angelo was delivered by Rev. Ralph Waldo Emerson before a crowded audience. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Recording Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Nov 11 [1835] Voted to meet for the future at 1/2 past 6. B. B. Thatcher Esq. of Boston delivered a Lecture on the Boston Tea-party. Ad-

journed. H. B. Dennis R. Secy.

Concord Nov. 17th 1835. O. S. Keith Esq. of Framingham delivered a lecture before the Lyceum on the subject of Honesty. After which the following Question was discussed: Ought Warren Bridge to be made free? Mr A. H. Nelson supported the affirmative—Mr. Howe, Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Willard and Capt Meriam [sic] the negative. The President, after a few brief remarks, decided in the negative, and his decision was confirmed by the society by a vote of eight to three. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Rec. SecY [Keith also spoke on Apr. 22, q.v.]

Concord Lyceum Nov 24 1835 Charles C. Emerson Esq. delivered a Lecture on Freedom of Opinion. On account of the absence of the regular disputants, there was no discussion. Adjourned. Hiram B. Dennis Recording SecY

Concord Dec. 2 1835 The secretary was not present at the meeting of the Lyceum on this evening; he is informed that there were but very few persons assembled. At the request of the members present, Dr. Josiah Bartlett read his lecture on The Temperaments. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Recording Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Wednesday Eve Dec 9 '35 Dr Edward Jarvis delivered a Lecture on the properties of Life. After the Lecture, the following question was discussed: Is it probable that man, unaided by Revelation, would ever have come to a knowledge of a true God or a future state? Dr Jarvis, C. C. Emerson Esq., and Rev. Mr. Wilder advocated the affirmative; Rev. Dr. Ripley & Rev. Mr. Goodwin supported the negative. The President decided the question in the negative. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Recording Sec.Y

Concord Lyceum Dec 17 '35 Mr. Benjamin H. West, of Boston, delivered a Lecture on The Eye. Adjourned. H. Barrett Dennis Rec. SecY.

Concord Lyceum Dec 23 1835 A lecture was delivered on Education and Science by Rev. John A. Williams of Billerica. Adjourned. H.B.Dennis R. Secretary

Concord Dec 30, 1835 The Members of the Lyceum being called to order attended to a Lecture by Mr Simmons of Boston. The Secretary Mr Dennis being about to leave town was obliged to resign his office. The Society proceeded to fill the vacancy, whereupon Francis Munroe was elected. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R S.

Concord January 6th 1836. As the members of the Lyceum were frequently detained to a late hour in consequence of the protracted discussion's it was Voted, That no member be allowed to speak on a question after 9 o'clock. A Lecture on the Character of Homer was read by Mr Marshall Tufts of Lexington. After which there was a discussion of the following question: Is the community on the whole benefitted, or injured, by the present Credit system? Aff: P. How; Neg. C. B. Davis & Rev John Wilder. The debate was adjourned to the next meeting. Adjourned. Francis Munroe, R.S.

Concord Lyceum January 13. 1836. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Mr. Francis R. Gourgas gave a Lecture On the Mutability of Nations. The discussion of the question of last week was resumed. Messrs Prescott, Merriam, & Nelson in the aff.; C. B. Davis, neg. The President & members decided in the affirmative. Adjourned. Francis Munroe Recording Sec"

Concord, January 20th 1836 The Lyceum being called to order by the President attended to a Lecture on Meteorology by Mr. T. Parker of Cambridge. After which there was a discussion of the following question: Ought a Representative to be bound by the instruction of his Constituents? Dr Jarvis, Prescott, Mr Tufts & Mr Goodhue, aff. Messrs Merriam, Nelson, Goodwin & Dan^l Shattuck, negative. Voted to adjourn the debate until another meeting. Adjourned. Francis Munroe Recording Secretary

Concord Jan 27, 1836. The Lyceum being called to order, as usual attended to a Lecture by Rev^d R. W. Emerson on The Character and Genius of Edmund Burke. The question of last week was resumed. Dr Jarvis, Mr Prescott spoke in the affirmative; Mess^{rs} Nelson, Shattuck & Rev Dr Ripley, Negative. Hon. J. Keyes supported both the aff. & Negative of the question. The President gave his decision that there were cases in which a Representative ought to be bound, also cases where he ought not to be bound by the wishes of his constituents. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. S.

Concord Feb 3^d 1836. The Members of the Lyceum listened to a Lecture by C. C. Shackford On the System of School Education in Prussia. After which the following question was discussed: Is Privateering justifiable? Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. S.

Concord Feb 10, 1836 The Lyceum being called to order as usual attended to a Lecture by Mr Nehemiah Ball on the subject of Natural History accompanied by his Magic Lantern. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. S.

Concord Feb 17, 1836 Lyceum met in Masonic Hall. The Secretary being absent Edward Jarvis was chosen Sec^{ry} pro-tem. On motion of Col. Shattuck: Voted that a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency & possibility of procuring the Masonic Hall & fitting [it] up for the use of the Lyceum for a term of years, & report at the next meeting. The curators were chosen to be this committee. The President gave a Lecture on Zoology illustrated by the Magic Lanthorn. Adjourned. E. Jarvis Sec^{ry} protem

Jas. T.

Concord, Feb 24 1836. A Lecture was delivered by the Rev Mr Woodbury on the History of Modern Infidelity. After which a report from the committee chosen to confer upon the Propriety of fitting up the Masonic Hall for the use of the Lyceum was read; but a decision of the subject was deferred to the next meeting. A discussion took place upon the subject: Ought Capital punishment be abolished? Mr. Charles Bowers opened the debate in the Affirmative followed by L. J. Russell & Col Daniel Shattuck in the Negative. A. H. Nelson Esq^r supported both the aff. & Neg. of the question. The President decided in the Negative. Voted to meet in future at 7 o Clock. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. S.

Concord March 2 1836 The Members of the Lyceum met this evening in the Masonic Hall and attended to a lecture by the President on Natural History accompanied by the Magic Lantern. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R Sec

Concord March 9th [1836] The President & Vice Presidents being absent, A. H. Nelson Esq. called the Lyceum to order. The Members of the Lyceum were favoured this evening with a Lecture from the Rev. H. B. Goodwin, the subject of which was: The Protestant Reformation on the Continent of Europe. After which A. H. Nelson Esq. again read the report on the subject of procureing the Masonic Hall for the use of the Lyceum, which was (after a short discussion) accepted by the Society. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. S. "The Committee chosen by the Lyceum to ascertain if it is possible to procure the use of the Masonic Hall for a period of time, & to ascertain probable expense of fitting said Hall, have attended to the duty assigned them & Report— That the Committee met a committee of the owners, & enquireing finds that the Lyceum can obtain the use of the Masonic Hall for five, or any less number of years, by paying a rent of \$30 [per] annum, returning the room, on the expiration of the lease, in the same condition in which it now is, & having liberty to make such alterations as the Lyceum may direct. As to the arrangements to be made in the room should a lease be taken, your Committee entertained & examined two plans. The first was, to fit up the Hall without removeing the partitions, and the second, to make an alteration in the entrance & remove the partitions, thus increasing the size of the room. Your Committee consulted with a person acquainted with such business as to the probable expense of the two plans. In his opinion the first plan will cost about \$40. To remove the partitions and make the other alterations contemplated by the second plan will cost an additional sum of \$22, and whenever the lease shall end a further sum of \$12 to restore the room to its present condition. ¶

A majority of the Committee recommend that the Lyceum take measures to procure the use of the Masonic Hall for five years. But the Committee are unanimous in opinion that the Lyceum cannot afford to pay the rent demanded. This may be no more than a fair return for the money invested by the owners of the Hall. But we are to regard our means & in the opinion of the Committee these are such that we cannot afford to give mor[e] than \$20 rent per ann. We believe that the owners can be induced to take a less sum, & if this is possible, we think it best that the Lyceum obtain the Hall. As to the alterations your Committee recommend that the first plan submitted by them be adopted, that the partitions be not removed. In the first plan the expense will be very much less. By calculation we find that the room may be so arranged as to seat 165 persons comfortably and conveniently, with elbow room & leg room in sufficiency. By diminishing the elbow room a little, about 200 persons can be seated, with room for others to stand, should this ever be necessary. Judging from past experience we shall very seldom require more room than will thus be given. Your Committee ardently hope that some arrang[ement] of this kind will be made, for present arrang[ement]s are so inconvenient, that our audience is thinly diminished. To be sure lectures are given, debates go on, and people come to hear, but they are all the while in bodily fear; on the whole they ar[e] willing that their bodies should be cramped, cabined, cribbed, confined, in order that their minds should be enlarged. But they ar[e] like children, who after a deal of persuasion will consent to swallow some nauseous drug, for the sweet that is administered with it. Now the Committee believe that the preposed [sic] arrangement will convert this bitter to sweet, thereby double our pleasures. They believe that the arrang[ement] will increase our audiences, and thereby the usefulness of our institution. And they further believe, that there is liberality enough in the friends of this Lyceum to carry through this undertakin[g], if resolutely entered upon. Your Committee therefore prepose, that the Lyceum choose a Committee of three to make arrang[ements] if suitable means can be obtained for lighting the Hall and fitting up for the use of the Lyceum. All of which is submitted, Committee."

Concord March 16 [1836] The Members of the Lyceum met this evening when Dr E. Jarvis gave a Lecture on Diets. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. S.

Concord March 23 1836 The Lyceum was called to order as usual. A. H. Nelson Esq. having resigned the office of Curator, the Lyceum proceeded to choose a person for that office. Dr E. Jarvis was elected. A Lecture on Americanism was delivered by Mr Hilliard Esq. of Boston. The Lyceum Voted to meet in future at 1/2 past 7 o'clock. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. Secretary

Concord Lyceum, March 30 [1836] A Meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Rev. H. B. Goodwin gave a Lecture; it was the continuation of a former Lecture given by him, the subject of which was The Protestant Reformation on the Continent of Europe. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. Secretary

Concord Apr 6th 1836. The Lyceum being called to order attended to a Lecture by B. B. Thatcher, Esq. on Self-Education. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. Sec.

Concord Lyceum Apr 13 [1836] A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Mr George Moore gave a lecture on the Character of Sir Isaac Newton. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. Secretary

Concord Apr 20, 1836 The Lyceum being called to order attended to a Lecture on Comets by Mr S. Felton of Charleston. Adjourned. F. Munroe R. S

Concord Lyceum Apr 27 [1836] The President's being absent, Dr E. Jarvis one of the Curators called the Members to order. A Lecture on Economy was given to the Lyceum this evening by Rev Dr Ripley. Adjourned. Francis Munroe R. Sec

Concord Oct. 12, 1836 The Lyceum met according to notice and was called to order by Mr. Ball, the President. On account of the inclemency of the weather there was no lecture, and the Lyceum proceed[ed] to the choice of Officers.

Mr. Nehemiah Ball was chosen President. Phineas How 1st Vice President. Timothy Prescott 2^d [Vice President]. Elijah Wood Jr., Recording & Corresponding Secretary. Charles B. Davis, Treasurer. Edward Jarvis, Albert H. Nelson, Charles B. Davis Curators. Charles Bowers, Charles B. Davis, Phineas How, Albert H. Nelson, Nehemiah Ball: Committee to Procure Subscriptions. Voted, That the Lyceum hereafter meet at half past 6 O'clock. Adjourned. Phineas How Sec^y pro tem.

Concord Oct 26, 1836 The Lyceum met at Mr. Wilders Meeting House. An Introductory Lecture was given by Revd Mr. Brownson on Social Progress. Adjourned. Phineas How, Sec^y. pro tem.

Concord Nov. 2, 1836. The Lyceum met at the centre schoolhouse, and were called to order by Dr. Jarvis. Mr. Elijah Wood Jr. declined accepting the office of Secretary and Charles Bowers was chosen. A lecture was pronounced by B. B. Thatcher Esq. of Boston. Subject, Self-Education. [Adjourned]. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Nov. 9, 1836. The Lyceum met at the centre schoolhouse and was called to order by the president. A lecture was read by William Brigham Esq. of Boston. Subject: Seige and capture of Louisburg. The following question was discussed, viz. Ought the proposed amendment of the Constitution reducing the number of Representatives in the General Court to be adopted? Messrs. Keyes and Brigham supported the Negative and Mr. Boyle the Affirmative. The society voted against the Amendment by a large majority. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Nov. 16, 1836. The Lyceum was called to order by Mr. Prescott, and attended to a lecture from Dr. Edward Jarvis. Subject, Vegetable Diet. The following question was discussed viz. Ought the School Committee to be paid for their services? In the Aff. Messrs. C. Bowers, E. Jarvis, A. H. Nelson. In the Neg. Messrs. C. B. Davis, D. Shattuck and E. Merriam. The President decided in the Neg. His decision was confirmed by the Society 7 to 6. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Nov. 23, 1836 The Lyceum was called to order by the President. A lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Frost. Subject, Peace. The following question was discussed viz. Is a national debt a blessing? In the affirmative Messrs How and Col. Shattuck. In the Negative Messrs E. R. Hoar and T. Prescott. The President decided in the Affirmative, with some qualifications. His decision was reversed by the Society. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Dec 2, 1836 The lyceum was called to order by the President. Rev. R. W. Emerson lectured. On account of the absence of one of the regular disputants, there was no discussion. On motion of Col. Shattuck a committee consisting of Dr. Jarvis, Mr. Keyes, Dr. Bartlett, Col. Shattuck and Capt. Merriam was appointed to see if it is possible to procure a more convenient place to hold the meetings of the Lyceum, and report at the next meeting. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Dec 9, 1836. The Lyceum was called to order by Mr. How. A lecture was delivered by Mr. C. C. Shackford. Subject, Missionary Labours. The Committee appointed to procure a room to hold the meetings of the Lyceum reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was granted. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Dec. 14, 1836 The Lyceum came to order at the usual hour, Timothy Prescott Esq. in the chair. A lecture was delivered by H. Harrington Esq of Boston. Subject, Mobs. The Committee appointed to ascertain whether a more convenient Hall can be obtained for the use of the Lyceum made their Report concluding with the following resolves. "Resolved, That the Lyceum adopt the proposition to take Masonic Hall on the conditions stated in the Report. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to fit the Hall for the use of the Lyceum, and that a sum not exceeding fifteen Dollars be appropriated for that purpose."

The Report after a long discussion was accepted by the Society and the Curators were appointed a committee to carry the Resolutions into effect. The Curators were instructed to report the state of the funds of the Lyceum at the next meeting. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Dec 21, 1836. The Lyceum came to order at the usual hour, the President in the chair. The chairman of the committee appointed to enquire into the State of the funds of the Lyceum made a Report which was accepted by the Society. A debate arose on the question of reconsidering the vote passed at the last meeting, to fit Masonic Hall for the use of the Lyceum. After considerable discussion the Society voted to reconsider. Dr. Jarvis being about to leave town tendered his resignation as curator of the Lyceum. The society proceeded to ballot for a Curator in the place of Dr Jarvis, and Mr. E. R. Hoar was chosen. On motion of Col. Shattuck, Voted, That the thanks of this Lyceum be presented to Dr. Jarvis for the faithful and efficient manner with which he has discharged the duties of an officer of the Society. A lecture was then delivered by A. H. Nelson Esq. Subject, Biography of Lord Ellenborough. The discussion after some alteration in the form of the question was laid over till the next meeting. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Dec. 28, 1836. The Lyceum met at the Vestry of the Second Church, and was called to order at the usual hour by the President. A lecture was delivered by Rev. R. W. Emerson. Subject, Biography of George Fox. The Curators were appointed a committee to confer with the proprietors of the Vestry and ascertain the terms on which it can be obtained for the use of the Lyceum, to report at the next meeting. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Jan 4, 1837 The Lyceum met at [the Vestry and were called to order by Mr. How. A lecture was read by Mr. [Benjamin Fiske Barrett] Barrett of Cambridge. Subject, National Greatness. Messrs Prescott, Shattuck & Bowers were appointed a committee to examine the by laws and report at the next meeting. The question: Is the present Banking System beneficial? It was discussed by Messrs Nelson, Shattuck and Jarvis, and decided in the affirmative by a unanimous vote. The Society voted to meet at the centre brick school house in future. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord, Jan. 11, 1837. The Lyceum met at the schoolhouse and was called to order by Mr. Prescott. A lecture was delivered by Mr. King. Subject, Entomology. A protracted discussion followed on the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the bylaws, which resulted in the passage of the following resolve: "The president shall give his opinion on all questions, this opinion subject to an appeal to the society." It was then voted, That for six weeks the question of revising the bylaws shall not be discussed in the lyceum. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec

Concord Jan. 18, 1837 The Lyceum met at the centre school house and was called to order by the President. A lecture was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dodge of Lexington on Books and Libraries. The following question was discussed viz. Ought Government to pay for private property destroyed by public enemies in time of war? The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Prescott and Hoar. The negative by Messrs. Nelson, Dennis and Marsh. The President summed up the arguments in a very able manner, and gave his opinion in the affirmative. The Society decided the question in the aff. by a large majority. On motion of Mr. C. B. Davis a committee consisting of Dr. Bartlett, T. Prescott, J. Keyes, E. Merriam and C. Warren was appointed to investigate some (to the Lyceum) mysterious affair and report at a future meeting. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Jan. 25, 1837 The Lyceum met at the school house and was called to order by the Pres. A lecture was delivered by Dr. Bartlett of Lowell On the adaptation of the Arts and Sciences to the interests of Humanity. The following question was offered for discussion: Ought the duties on coal and breadstuffs to be repealed? But no one being fully prepared to debate, on motion [of] H. B. Dennis Esq. the consideration of the question was postponed until the next meeting. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Feb. 1, 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by the President at half past six. An address to young men was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Hyde of Wayland. The question debated at the last meeting was again discussed by H. B. Dennis, E. Boyle, Col. Shattuck and A. H. Nelson. On motion of Mr. How it was voted that the same question be discussed at the next meeting. Notice was given that the Rev. Mr. Cobb would deliver a Temperance lecture in town next wednesday evening, and on that account Voted, that the Lyceum stand adjourned one fortnight. Charles Bowers Sec.

[?Robert Cassie Waterston]

Concord Feb. 15, 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by the President. A lecture was delivered by Mr. Waterstone of Cambridge on Amusements. After the lecture, the discussion of the question, Ought the duties on coal and bread-stuffs to be repealed? was resumed. Capt. E. Merriam in the affirmative; Mr. P. How and Col Shattuck in the negative. The President gave his opinion in the neg. The Society confirmed it by a large majority. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Feb. 22, 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by Mr. How. A lecture was delivered by Mr. French of Concord. Subject, Temperance. The following question was discussed, viz. Ought copy right to Foreign Authors to be secured in this Country? In the Aff. J. G. Davis and E. R. Hoar. In the Neg. Col. Shattuck. The pres. gave his opinion in the aff. and was unanimously sustained by the Society. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord March 1, 1837. The Lyceum was called to order by Mr. How at 7 o'clock. A lecture upon Architecture was delivered by Mr. Higinson of Cambridge. The discussion was postponed until next week. The Treasurer reported the State of the funds. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord March 8th 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by Mr. How at the usual hour. The following question was debated—viz. Is there danger to our free Institutions from the spread of Roman Catholicism? In the aff. Rev. John Wilder. In the neg. A. H. Nelson Esq. The debate was continued untill nearly ten o'clock, when on motion of Mr. Keyes the further consideration of the question was defer[r]ed until next week. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec

Concord March 15, 1837. The Lyceum was called to order by the President. A lecture was delivered by the Rev. R. W. Emerson. Subject, Manners. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord March 22, 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by Mr. Prescott. The Rev. Mr. Wilder occupied the evening in replying to A. H. Nelson's arguments offered a fortnight previous on the question, Is there danger to our Republican Institutions from the spread of Roman Catholicism? On motion of Mr. Nelson the Society voted to discuss the same question next Wednesday evening. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec

Concord March 29, 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by the President. The question concerning Roman Catholicism was further discussed by Messrs. Nelson, Wilder, Frost, E. R. Hoar and Keyes. The hour of adjournment having arrived, Voted To postpone the further consideration of the question one week. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord April 5th 1837 The Lyceum was called to order by the President. The Roman Catholic question was discussed by Messrs. Keyes, Frost, Wilder and Dr. Ripley. Without taking any decision on the question the further consideration of the question was indefinitely postponed. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec

Concord April 12, 1837. The Lyceum was called to order by the President. A lecture was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ripley. Subject, Union necessary to success. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

Concord Oct. 24, 1837. The Lyceum met this evening at the centre school house and was called to order by the President. The question, Shall the Lyceum

be continued this season? was discussed. On motion of A. H. Nelson Esq. Voted, That a committee of six be appointed to solicit subscriptions for the support of the lyceum, and that they report one week from this evening and that the choice of officers be defer[r]ed until that time. The following gentlemen were appointed on the Committee, viz. A. H. Nelson, Col. Whiting, Phineas How, Capt. Merriam, Dr. Bartlett and C. B. Davis. On motion of Dr. Bartlett, Voted— That the Committee be responsible for the amount subscribed on their papers. Adjourned. Charles Bowers Sec.

[Space was left for details concerning the meeting at which the officers were elected for the new year (1837-1838), but the minutes were never entered. The meeting was probably held on Oct. 31, 1837, or on Nov. 8, 1837. There is a possibility that two meetings were skipped.]

Concord Nov. 15 1837 The Lyceum having been called to order by the president, the following report was submitted to the society & accepted: "Concord Nov. 15 1837 The committee appointed to consider the subject of the admission of persons to the Lyceum who are not members beg leave to report— That, in their opinion, there are weighty objections to admitting persons to the privileges of the Lyceum who contribute nothing to its support, inasmuch as owing to the size of the hall, the members themselves are frequently subjected to great inconvenience or entirely excluded, especially on occasions when the exercises are expected to be unusually interesting, and also inasmuch as the funds by which the institution is sustained will be less just in proportion as there are those who will not pay for what they can obtain as well without paying. If the means of supporting the society were secured & the hall sufficiently spacious, it would doubtless be expedient to make its exercises public, and admission free. But as they are not, your committee are of opinion that the advantages of the Society should be secured to the members, their families, and such others as are or may be specially provided for by the Bye-laws. Your Committee are of opinion that the Bye-Laws need no alteration or addition in relation to this subject, except in one particular which shall be mentioned hereafter. All they think necessary is that they should be understood. For this purpose it is recommended that the Curators be requested to post on some conspicuous place at the entrance of the hall such portion of the Bye-Laws as will show who are entitled to admittance and the names of the members, and that they appoint some person, when they deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to ascertain what persons attend or are in the habit of attending without right, and who shall report the names of such to the curators—and that they have authority to act upon the subject at their discretion. And, as the interests of the Lyceum may be promoted and the public benefitted by occasionally having the Lectures public, it is recommended that the Curators be authorized, whenever they deem it expedient, in giving notice of the Lectures, to announce that they will be public. The addition to the Bye-Laws before referred to which your Committee recommends is as follows viz: "That those ladies, inhabitants of the town, widows & others who are so situated that they cannot be admitted to the Lyceum by the right of any person who is a member, may be admitted gratuitously. J. M. Cheney Nath. Rice W^m Whiting Committee." Mr. H. F. Harrington of Boston then delivered a lecture on Education based on the different faculties of the Mind. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary.

Concord Nov. 22 1837 A Lecture on Penal Legislation as a means of preventing crime was delivered by Mr. A. H. Nelson of Concord. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary

Concord Nov 29, 1837 A lecture on Education was delivered by W^m Brigham Esq of Boston. The following question was proposed for discussion on Wednesday next. Is the Territory of the U. S. with her national domains already too large to insure permanent prosperity? Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secr.Y

Concord Lyceum Dec. 6 1837 The Lyceum having been called to order, the following question was discussed: Is the territory of the U. S. with her nation-

al domains too large to insure permanent prosperity? Col. Shattuck and H. B. Dennis spoke in the affirmative, and Messrs Frost and How advocated the negative. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary

Concord Lyceum Dec. 13 1837 The President being absent, the meeting was called to order by Col. Shattuck. Rev. Mr. Frost, Col. Shattuck, H. B. Dennis & Mr. Wheeler expressed their views on the comparative importance of Education & Politics, Mr. Charles B. Davis, first Vice President, being in the chair. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary

Concord Lyceum Dec. 20 1837 Rev. Mr. Woodbury of Acton delivered a Lecture on the History of St. Domingo. Mr. Timothy Prescott resigned the office of First Vice-President of the Lyceum, and the Society accepted the resignation. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Sec^y

Concord Lyceum Dec. 27 1837 The Society listened to a Lecture on The Constitutions [sic] of the U. S. from Mr. Joel Giles of Cambridge. After which the following question was discussed: Ought Women to be allowed the rights of citizenship? Mr. Nelson in the affirmative; Hon. M^r. Hoar & Rev Mr. Frost in the negative. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Sec^y

Concord Lyceum Jan^y 3, 1838 The Lyceum was called to order by the Pres^t and the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Tim^y Prescott Esq of the office of first Vice President, filled by the choice of M^r. William Munroe; after which a very interesting Lecture was delivered by Mr. Wm Whiting Jr on The Common Law, Reform, & the administration of Justice. Adjourned. Dan^t Shattuck sec. pro tem.

Concord Lyceum Jan^y 10 1838 A Lecture on Quackery was delivered by Mr. George Washington Minns of Boston. Adjourned, H. B. Dennis Sec^y

Concord Lyceum Jan. 17 1838 The following question was discussed: Are the rigor of the climate and the stubborn[n]ess of the Soil in New England favorable to the developement of character? Rev. Mr. Frost and H. B. Dennis spoke in the affirmative; Messrs Nelson and Prescott in the negative. Adjourned. H B Dennis Secretary

Concord Lyceum Jan^y 24, 1838 A Lecture was deliver'd by M^r. Farrar on Literature and its connection with Morality and Religion. After which the question, Is War in any case justifiable? was proposed for discussion. One member made a few remarks in the affirmative, but no other member appeared to be moved in spirit to reply, so the Lyceum adjourned. D Shattuck Sec. pro tem.

Concord Lyceum Jany. 31, 1838 A Lecture on The Poetry of Facts was delivered by Mr. Charles Hayward Jr. of Boston. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Feby. 7 1838 Rev. Timothy Ropes of Lexington delivered a Lecture on Mental Culture. A discussion followed upon the question, Whether Texas ought to be admitted into the Union? Col. Shattuck in the affirmative; Hon. John Keyes negative. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary

Concord Feby. 14, 1838 The President not having arrived, the Lyceum was called to order by Col. Shattuck. A. H. Nelson Esq. of Concord delivered a Lecture on Animal Magnetism. After the Lecturer had retired, on motion of Col. Shattuck, the Question—Is Animal Magnetism true?—was substituted for the one originally proposed to be discussed this evening; whereupon Rev. Barzillai Frost, Col. Daniel Shattuck and Hon. John Keyes spoke against the claims of Animal Magnetism. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Feb 21 1838 Mr. George Minns of Boston delivered a Lecture illustrating the Contrast between the Heroic and Christian Character. After which, the Question, Is Animal Magnetism true? was again discussed, Messrs Nel-

son and Dennis in the affirmative and Messrs Keyes & Shattuck in the negative. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Feb 29 1838 Dr. Josiah Bartlett of Concord delivered a Lecture on The connection of our Forefathers with the Indians. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum Mar. 7 1838 A Lecture on Politics was delivered by Rev. R. Waldo Emerson of Concord. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secy.

Concord March 14 1838 The Lyceum was called to order by the President, when Rev. Artemas B. Muzzey of Cambridgeport delivered a lecture on Common Schools. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary

Concord Lyceum March 21 1838 The society listened to a lecture from Mr. Jonathan Fay Barrett of Cambridge on the Poetry of Heathen Mythology. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary

Concord Lyceum Mar. 28 '38 Mr. Bradford of Westford delivered a Lecture on Elocution. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Sec^y

Concord Lyceum April 4 1838 Mr. Jones Very of Cambridge delivered a Lecture on Epic Poetry. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary.

Concord Lyceum, April 11 1838 Rev. Mr. Frost informed the Society that Rev. R. Waldo Emerson had kindly and generously volunteered to deliver his course of Lectures before the Lyceum. Whereupon, on motion of Hon. Daniel Shattuck, it was Voted— That the Lyceum thankfully accept Rev. Mr. Emerson's offer. After which Mr. David Henry Thoreau of Concord delivered a Lecture on Society. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary

Concord Lyceum April 18 1838 Rev. R. Waldo Emerson delivered his Introductory Lecture on Human Culture. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary.

Concord Lyceum Apr. 25 1838 Mr. Emerson delivered the second Lecture on Human Culture. Subject, The hand. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Sec^y

Concord Lyceum May 2 1838 Mr. Emerson's third Lecture on Human Culture. Subject, The head. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary

Concord Lyceum May 9 1838 Mr. Emerson's fourth Lecture on culture. Subject, The heart. Adjourned. H. Barrett Dennis, Secretary.

Concord Lyceum May 16 1838 Mr. Emerson's fifth Lecture on Human Culture. Subject, Intellectual Integrity. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Sec^y

Concord Lyceum May 23 1838 Mr. Emerson's sixth Lecture on Human Culture, Prudence. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis, Secretary

Concord June 6 1838 There was no meeting of the Lyceum this evening on account of the indisposition of Mr. Emerson who was to have delivered a Lecture. H. B. Dennis Secretary

Concord Lyceum June 13 1838 Mr. Emerson's third [seventh?] Lecture on Human Culture. Subject, Heroism. Adjourned. H. B. Dennis Secretary

Lyceum Hall Oct. 18th 1838 At a meeting of the members held this evening, William Whiting in the chair, Daniel Shattuck was chosen Sec. pro tem. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. William Whiting, President. Neh^h Ball Charles B. Davis Vice Presidents. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y. Barzillai Frost Daniel Shattuck A. H. Nelson Curators. Voted— That P. How, Tim^y Prescott, D. Shattuck, W^m Whiting, C. B. Davis, Neh^h Ball, Francis Munroe, be a committee to solicit subscriptions, with authority to fill any vacancy in their number. Voted— That the same committee consider the expediency of ex-

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Charles B. Davis		
Henry D. Thoreau		Secy
Borellai Frost	}	Curators
Daniel Shattuck		
A. H. Nelson		

Voted - That P. How - Tim & Prescott - D. Shattuck - Wm Whiting - C. B. Davis - Asa Ball - Francis Munroe, be a committee to solicit subscriptions, with authority to fill any vacancy in their number.

Voted - That the same committee consider the expediency of excluding boys under 12 and girls under 10 years of age - And make report at the next meeting.

Adjourned to Wednesday evening 24th inst.
7 1/2 o'clock P.M.

D. Shattuck Sec. pro tem.

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Concord Nov. 7th 1838.

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— Common Schools —
by the Rev. Mr. Murray, of Cambridgeport —
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Adj^d. Henry D. Thoreau Secy

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Adjourned.

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Lyceum Hall Nov. 21st —38 The Lyceum being called to order by Col. Shattuck, Mr. Timothy Prescott was chosen President Pro Tem. The following question was discussed—Whether the late License Law be constitutional or expedient. Rev. Mr. Frost Col. Shattuck Mr. Charles Bowers in the Affirmative. Messrs. Keyes & Nelson in the Negative. Voted—That the discussion be indefinitely postponed. Adjourned. Henry D. Thoreau Sec.

Lyceum Hall Nov. 28th 1838. Mr. William Whiting Jr. delivered a lecture on Demosthenes. Adjourned. Henry D. Thoreau, Secretary

Lyceum Hall Dec. 5th 1838. Hon. John Keyes delivered a lecture on the Amendment to the Constitution respecting Religious Liberty, the Liberty of the Press, and the Right of Petition. Adjourned. Henry D. Thoreau Secretary

Lyceum Hall Dec. 12th 1838. Mr. Nehemiah Ball delivered a lecture on the Arts of Writing and Printing. Adjourned, Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Lyceum Hall Dec. 19th 1838. Rev. Mr. Miles—of Lowell—delivered a lecture on the Discovery of America by the Northmen. Adjourned. Henry D. Thoreau Sec.

Concord Dec. 25th 1838. Rev. Mr. Swett—of Lexington—delivered a lecture on Reading. Adjourned. Henry D. Thoreau Sec.

Concord Jan. 2nd 1839 Col. Daniel Shattuck addressed the Lyceum on the subject of Commerce—in its Social, Moral, and Political Aspects. Adj. Henry D. Thoreau, Sec^y

Concord Jan. 9th —1839. The Lyceum attended to a lecture by Mr. A. H. Nelson. Subject—How shall we reform? Adj. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord Jan. 16th 1839 The Lyceum met this evening, but being disappointed of both lecturer and disputants, Adjourned without more ado. Henry D. Thoreau Sec.

Concord Jan. 23^d 1839. Mr. Charles Stearns Wheeler, of Cambridge, delivered a lecture on the Early History of the Quakers. Adj. Henry D. Thoreau. Sec.

Concord Jan. 30th 1839. Rev. Mr. Richards, of this town, delivered a lecture on the History of the Welsh. Adj. Henry D. Thoreau Sec.

Concord Feb. 6th 1839 Mr. George Moore, of Concord, delivered a lecture on the Manners and Customs of the Inhabitants of Cuba. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec.

Concord Feb. 13th 1839 Rev. Geo. C. Beckwith, of Lowell, delivered a

lecture in Mr. Wilder's Meeting house, on Peace. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord Feb. 20th 1839 Mr. Jonathan Fay Barrett delivered a lecture on Aaron Burr. Adj. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Feb. 27th 1839. Rev. Warren Burton, of Boston, delivered a lecture on The Citizen Slave. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

——— Feb. 28th 1839 Mr. Burton delivered the Second and last lecture of his course this evening. Subject.— Responsibilities of Suffrage.

Concord March 6th 1839 James R. Lowell, of Cambridge, delivered a lecture on Modern Poetry. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord March 13th 1839 William W. Greenough, of Cambridge, delivered a lecture on The Condition of the Agricultural Classes in England. Adj. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord March 20th 1839 Rev. R. W. Emerson, having volunteered a second time to read a part of his course before the Lyceum, delivered the lecture on Home this evening. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord March 28th —39 Mr. Emerson delivered the lecture on Genius. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord April 3^d 1839. Mr. Emerson read the lecture called The Protest. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord April 10th 1839. Mr. Emerson read the lecture on Love. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y

Concord April 24th 1839 Mr. Emerson's lecture on Tragedy. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord Lyceum May 1st [1839] Mr Emerson's lecture on Comedy. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec.

Concord May 15th 1839. Mr. Emerson's lecture on Demonology. Mr. Frost made some remarks on the favor conferred on us by gratuitous lecturers, and the Lyceum Adjourned, Henry D. Thoreau Secretary

Lyceum Hall Oct 30th 1839. At a meeting of the members held this evening, Timothy Prescott was chosen President pro tem. and Henry D. Thoreau Secretary. On motion of Dr. Bartlett, Voted— That the Lyceum be continued, provided the sum of \$60,00, or upwards, can be obtained by subscription, prior to the next meeting. On motion of Dr. Bartlett, Voted— That a committee of ten be chosen to obtain subscribers. The following gentleman [sic] were chosen on said committee. Viz. Phineas How, William Brown, Francis Munroe, William Whiting, Charles Bowers, Nehemiah Ball, Francis A. Wheeler, Elijah Wood Jr., Reuben N. Rice, Ephraim W. Bull. Adjourned to Wednesday, November 7th, Seven o'clock P.M. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y Pro Tem.

Concord Nov. 6th 1839. The Lyceum met this evening according to adjournment, William Whiting in the chair, and proceed to elect the following officers for the ensuing season. Phineas How President. Nehemiah Ball 1st Vice President. Timothy Prescott 2nd [Vice President]. H. D. Thoreau Secretary. R. N. Rice Treasurer. Barzillai Frost, Henry D. Thoreau, Charles Bowers Curators. On motion of Mr Nelson, Voted— That a committee of three be chosen to regulate the behavior of boys, said committee to consist of Dr Bartlett, Timothy Prescott, Elijah Wood. Adj. H. D. Thoreau, Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum Nov. 13th 1839. The Lyceum attended to a lecture by Rev. R. W. Emerson. Subject—The Philosophy of History. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum, Nov. 20th—39 Rev. A. B. Muzzey of Cambridgeport delivered a lecture on Education. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum Nov. 27th [1839] Rev. R. W. Emerson read a lecture this evening on the Philosophy of Labor. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum Dec. 4th—39. Rev. John Russell of Chelmsford delivered a lecture on the Poetry of Natural History. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum, Dec. 11th 1839. Rev. Mr. Greenwood, of Marlborough, delivered an original poem on Phrenology. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y

Concord Lyceum Dec. 18th 1839 At the request of the Lyceum Mr A. H. Nelson read Mr. Dewey's essay on Reading. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Lyceum Dec. 25th 1839. Benjamin B. Thatcher Esq. delivered a lecture on The Application of Science to the Common Arts of Life. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Jan. 1st 1840 The Lyceum being disappointed of a lecturer, the following question was discussed, viz. Whether Corporal Punishment may ever be used in the Education of Youth. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Prescott in the Affirmative. Mr. Frost in the Negative. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y [Thomas]

Concord Jan. 8th 1840 The Lyceum attended to a lecture by Mr. Dawes, of the Divinity School, Cambridge. Subject—Elocution. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord Jan. 15th 1840. Mr. William W. Greenough, of Boston, read an essay on The Life and Writings of Sir Philip Sidney. Through his generosity the Lyceum incurring no expence thereby. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Jan. 22nd 1840 Mess^{rs} Frost and Keyes made some remarks upon the loss the Lyceum have sustained in the death of Dr. Follen, who had been engaged to deliver a course of 8 lectures in 6 upon the History of Switzerland. So that we also, with his friends and the world at large, have reason to lament the memorable catastrophe of the Lexington. But a small audience having assembled owing to the inclemency of the weather, the lecture which had been expected from Mr. Keyes was deferred till the next meeting—and in accordance with a vote of the Lyceum Mr. William Robinson read the Message of Governor Morton. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Jan. 29th 1840. The Lyceum attended to a lecture by Mr. Keyes. Subject. Public Lands. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y

Concord Feb. 5th 1840 A Lecture was delivered by Rev. Barzillai Frost. Subject— Self-Improvement. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Feb 12th 1840. Rev. Mr. Beckwith delivered a lecture on American Liberty. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Feb. 19th 1840 Mr. A. H. Nelson delivered a lecture on the subject of the North-Eastern Boundary. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y

Concord Feb 26th 1840 Mr. B. B. Thatcher read the sequel to his former lecture on the Application of Science to Common Life. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord March 4th 1840 Rev. R. W. Emerson delivered a lecture, introductory to his course on the Present Age. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y

Concord March 11th 1840 Rev. John Russell, of Chelmsford, delivered a lecture on Horticulture. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord March 18th 1840 Charles Stearns Wheeler, of Cambridge, delivered a Lecture on the Mythology of the Greeks. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord March 25th 1840 A lecture was delivered by Mr. George Washington Minns on the Condition of Modern Egypt. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 1st 1840 The Lyceum attended to a lecture by Mr. David Greene Haskins, of Roxbury, Mass. Subject: The Biography of Roger Williams. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 8th 1840. Rev. R. W. Emerson delivered the second lecture of his course on "The Present Age"—called Literature. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 15th 1840 Mr. Emerson delivered a lecture on Politics. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 17th 1840 Mr. Emerson delivered a lecture on Private Life. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 22nd 1840. Mr. Emerson's lecture on Reform. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 24th 1840 Mr. Emerson's lecture on Religion. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord Ap. 29th 1840. Mr. Emerson's lecture on Ethics. Adj. H. D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Concord May 1st 1840. Mr. Emerson's lecture on Education. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^y.

Concord May 6th 1840. Mr Emersons lecture on Tendencies. Adj. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y

Lyceum Hall Nov. 4th 1840. The Lyceum met this evening according to advertisement. And on motion of Dr Bartlett it was Voted— That a committee consisting of two from the centre district and one from each of the others be appointed to obtain and collect subscriptions prior to the next meeting. Voted, That said committee consist of the following gentlemen. William Whiting, R. N. Rice, Elijah Wood Jr., Francis Munroe, Francis A. Wheeler, Ephraim W. Bull, Nathan Barrett, Abel J. Barrett. Voted to adjourn to Wednesday eve, Nov 18th 6 1/2 o'clock. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^y.

Lyceum Hall Nov 18th 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment, but the Treasurer not being able to make his report, owing to the non-attendance of the committee for subscriptions, took no steps to organize themselves; but Voted— 1st That Col. Shattuck and Dr. Bartlett be a committee to confer with the proprietors of the Hall respecting a new lease. Voted 2^d That Mr. Nathan Stow and Mr Cyrus Warren be added to the committee for collecting subscriptions in the Centre district. And— Recommended that the Committee for subscriptions make report to the Treasurer on Tuesday evening next. Adj. to Wednesday Nov. 25th 6 1/2 O'clock P.M. H. D. T. sec^y

Lyceum Hall Nov. 25th 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment, and adjourned again according to precedent—after transacting the following business—viz—The reappointment of the old committee to confer with the proprietors, whose old conference has not yet ended. Voted, To adjourn to Saturday evening Nov. 21st H. D. T. Sec^y

Lyceum Hall Nov. 20th 1840. At an adj^d meeting of the Lyceum held this evening, Timothy Prescott Esq^r Chairman, The Committee—viz. Daniel Shattuck and Josiah Bartlett, appointed to confer with the proprietors of the Hall in regard to the use of the same for the future, Reported— That the proprietors by their committee had agreed that the Lyceum should pay ten dollars yearly rent for their meetings only, and that the use of the Hall for other purposes was to be solely under the control of the proprietors. Which report was accepted, and the same Com^s were charged with the completion of s^d agreements. The fol-

lowing officers were chosen for the ensuing year. Tim^O Prescott President.
 Rev. B. Frost Rev. Mr. Means Vice Presidents. Henry D. Thoreau Sec^Y.
 R. N. Rice Treas^r E. W. Bull John Thoreau Jr. Ch^s Bowers Curators
 Adj. Dan^t Shattuck Sec^Y pro tem.

Concord Dec. 9th 1840. The Lyceum being called to order—Ephraim W. Bull & John Thoreau Jr declined the office of Curator, whereupon Moses B. Pritchard & John C. Nourse were elected to fill the vacancies. Also Henry D. Thoreau having refused the office of secretary Reuben Moore was chosen in his stead. The Lyceum then attended to a Lecture on Art by R. W. Emerson. Adj. H. D. T. Sec^Y pro tem.

Concord Dec. 15th 1840. Reuben Moore having declined the office of secretary, and no person being found who would accept the same, the subject was deferred till the next meeting. On motion of Mr. Bowers—E. W. Bull, Barzillai Frost, Charles Bowers, Dan^t Shattuck, William Whiting were chosen a committee to revise and amend the Constitution—and make report to the Lyceum at the next meeting. Mr. Richard H. Dana then addressed the audience upon the importance of cultivating the Sentiments—no less than the Intellect. Adj. H. D. Th. Sec^Y pro tem.

Concord Dec^r 23, 1840 The Lyceum being called to order, John C. Nourse was chosen Secretary. The Committee for revising the Constitution reported that they had not been able to obtain the records of the Lyceum; and the subject was accordingly recommitted to them with instructions to report more at length. A lecture was then delivered by Rev. Mr. Frost on Self Improvement. Adjourned. J. C. Nourse Sec^Y

Concord Jan 6th 1841 In the absence of the President, the Lyceum was called to order by the First Vice President, Mr Frost, and listened to a lecture by Rev Mr Young of Boston on The Pequot War. Adj. John C. Nourse Sec^{ty}

Concord Lyceum Jan 13th 1841 The Curators having been unable to procure a lecturer, the following question was discussed. Is it ever proper to offer forcible resistance? Rev B. Frost Hon S. Hoar in the affirmative; Mr A. B. Alcott in the negative. On motion, voted that Mr. Alcott be admitted a member of the Lyceum without the payment of the usual fee. The question was postponed for farther consideration until some evening when we should be unprovided with a lecture; and the Lyceum adjourned. John C. Nourse, Sec^Y

Concord Jan 20th 1841 The Lyceum was called to order by the President, and listened to a lecture from Rev Mr Russell of Chelmsford On the Science of Geology in its economical and topographical characters. Adjourned John C. Nourse, Sec.

Concord, January 27, 1841 The Lyceum, having been called to order by the President, proceeded to the discussion of the following question: Is it ever proper to offer forcible resistance? Mr J. Thoreau Jr. and Mr D. H. Thoreau, in the affirmative; Mr A. B. Alcott in the negative. On motion of Mr J. Thoreau Jr, Ordered, that this question lie over for farther discussion till some evening when the Lyceum is unprovided with a lecturer. Adjourned. John C. Nourse Sec^Y

Concord, Feb 5, 1841 The Lyceum was called to order by the President. On motion of Mr. [John] Thoreau—Voted— that, after the lecture, the Lyceum discuss the question of Non-Resistance. A lecture was then delivered by Rev Mr. Ballou of Mendon on Non-Resistance. This question was then discussed by Mr. Ballou, Mr. S. Hoar, Mr. Alcott, Mr. Jenkins & the President. The Lyceum adjourned, without taking the question. John C. Nourse, Secretary.

Concord Feb 10- [1841] The Lyceum was called to order by the President, and listened to a lecture from Mr. G. Bradford of Lowell on Human Culture. Adj. John C. Nourse Sec^rY

Concord, Feb. 17th 1841 A lecture was delivered by Mr. C. S. Wheeler of Cambridge On the favorable influence of the Papal Hierarchy upon the Middle Ages. Adjourned. John C. Nourse. Secr'y

Concord, March 3, 1841. The Lyceum was called to order by the President, but, being disappointed in obtaining a lecturer, Adjourned. J. C. Nourse Secr'y

Concord March 10, 1841. The Lyceum listened to a lecture from Rev. Mr. Emerson on Reform. Adjourned. John C. Nourse Secr'y

Concord March 17, 1841 A lecture was delivered by Dr. Bacon of on Electro Magnetism. Adjourned. J. C. Nourse Secr'y

Concord March 24, 1841 A lecture was delivered by Mr. John F. W. Ware of Cambridge On the Life & character of Alaric Zwingle. Adj. John C. Nourse Secr'y

[Concord, Nov. 3, 1841] The Annual Meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held at the Lyceum Hall November 3^d 1841. Rev. R. W. Emerson gave a gratuitous lecture on The Nature & Powers of the Poet. After the lecture a reorganization of the Society was proposed. The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year. Rev. B. Frost, President. Rev. Mr. Means Dea. N. Brown Vice Presidents. A. H. Barrett, Rec. Secr'y. Col. Danl. Shattuck Treasurer. Dr. Bartlett, Mr. C. Goodnow, Mr W. D. Robinson Curators. On motion, Voted, that a committee be chosen to obtain funds to sustain the Lyceum & this committee [to] consist of nine—three from the Centre district & one from each of the other districts: Nathan Brooks, Danl Shattuck, Phineas How, E. W. Bull, F. A. Wheeler, N. M. Wright, F. Munroe, Abel Barrett, Nathan Barrett. Voted—that the subscriptions be not binding unless the amount subscribed is \$70. or upwards. Voted—that the same committee be instructed to confer with the Young Men's Association respecting their union with the Lyceum. Adjourned. A. H. Barrett.

[GAP IN THE RECORDS]

Nov^r 18th 1842. The Concord Lyceum met and heard a lecture from Rev R. W. Emerson, after which the question of giving the meetings of the Lyceum a more social character was discussed by Messrs Jarvis, Alcott and Tewksbury. Drs Alcott and Jarvis advocated the plan and thought such a change would the better promote the object of the Lyceum, but Dr Tewksbury thought it was detracting somewhat from the dignity of the association to "introduce soft taste and court-ing times" into our meetings. The question was finelly refered to the directors. The Society the[n] chose Rev. Mr. Frost, President. Rev. Mr. Means, E. W. Bull Esq. Vice Presidents. Charles W. Goodnow Secretary. Lorenzo Eaton Treas. Dr. Josiah Bartlet, D. H. Thoreau, J. M. Cheney Esq Directors. Mr. Thoreau re-signed his office as associate director. The Society put off his request for further consideration at the next meeting. Adj. C. W. Goodnow Sec'y.

Nov. 30th 1842 The lyceum met and heard a Lecture from Mr. R. W. Emerson, and adj. C. W. Goodnow Sec'y

Dec. 7th —42 The Lyceum met and heard a lecture from Mr. Richardson and adj. C. W. G.

Dec. 14th 1842 The Rev. Mr. Clark of Boston lectured before the Lyceum. Charles W. Goodnow Sec

Dec. 19th 1842 Horrace Greely Esq. of N. York lectured in the Lyceum on Pro-tection and Free Trade, after which Hon. Sam^l Hoar moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Greely for his "able ad[d]ress" after which it was announced that Wendell Phil-lips Esq. would lecture on Slavery at the next meeting, when The Hon. John Keyes offered the following Resolution which was laid on the table for future action. "Resolved that as this Lyceum is established for Social & Mutual improvement the introduction of the vexed and disorganizing question of Abolitionism or Slavery should be kept out of it." Adj. C. W. Goodnow Sec'y.

Dec. 21st 1842 Lyceum met and heard the above alluded to Lecture from W. Phillips Esq. Adj. Charles W. Goodnow Sec'y.

Dec 28th 1842 Lyceum meet [sic] and heard a lecture from Mr O A Bro[w]nson of Boston— Subject Government

Jany 4th 1843 Lyceum met and heard a lecture from Mr Charles Lane of England. Adj. C. W. Goodnow

Ja[n]y 11th [1843] Lyceum met and heard a very able and instructive lecture from Moses B. Prichard Esq. Adj. C. W. Goodnow

Concord Jany 18th [1843] The Lyceum convened this evening and were favored with an able and good lecture on College Life by John S. Keyes Esq. C. W. Goodnow

Jany 25th [1843] Lecture by J. F. Barrett Esq. of Boston. Subject— Common Law & Prejudice against Lawyers—after which the Resolution offered by Mr Keyes Dec 19 was discussed by Mr. Keyes and others and twice [put] upon the table. C. W. Goodnow

Feb'y 1st 1843. Lyceum met and heard a lecture from Dr. Charles Jackson of Boston on Geology. C. W. G.

Feb'y 8th H. D. Thoreau lectured. Charles W. G.

[Feb.] 15th Mr. Knopp of Lexington Lectured. C. W. G.

[Feb.] 22^d Dr. Ed^{wd} Jarvis lectured. C. W. G.

March 1st E. H. Chapin of Charlestown gave a lecture before the Lyceum.

March 8th Capt Charles Bowers lectured before the Lyceum. C. W. G. Sec.

[March] 15th Henry C. Giles of Eng. lectured in the Lyceum—

Mar 22^d The Lyceum met and heard a good and interesting lecture from the Rev Theodore Parker of Roxbury. C. W. Goodnow Sec.

Mar. 30th Lecture from R. W. Emerson. C. W. G. Sec'y

" 29th " " E. W. Bull " "

April 5th Lecture from Geo. Bancroft Esq of Boston C. W. G. Sec'y.

[Apr.] 12th Charles Lane of Eng. C. W. G. Secy

[Apr.] 19th Rev. B. Frost. Reform. C. W. G. Sec'y.

[Apr.] 26th R. W. Emerson lectured and the Pres. announced it as the decision of the Directors to suspend the Lyceum for the year—and the Lyceum then adjourned sine die. Charles W. Goodnow Sec'y of Lyceum Concord April 26th 1843

Concord Oct 11 1843 Pursuant to call made by the Curators the members of the Lyceum met at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church and were called to order by the President. On motion of Dr. Bartlett a committee of two was chosen chosen to nominate a list of candidates for officers for the coming year. Dr. Bartlett & Col. Shattuck were chosen committee on nomination. Said Committee reported the names of the following persons for officers & they were subsequently chosen. Rev. B. Frost President. Rev. James Means, E. W. Bull Vice Pres. Rev. A. G. Fay Sec. Lorenzo Eaton Treas. Hon. Sam. Hoar, R. W. Emerson, C. W. Goodnow Curators. On motion of Col. Shattuck, Voted that when the sum of \$110,00 shall have been subscribed in addition to the sum in the treasury, the curators be instructed to call another meeting. The Treasurer reported that the sum subscribed last year was \$109.20 & that the sum of \$9.21 now remained in the treas-

ury. Voted that L. Eaton & C. B. Davis be a committee to solicit subscription for the purpose of raising the required sum of \$110,00. Voted to adjourn.
A. G. Fay Sec.

Nov. 8, 1843 The Lyceum met according to previous notice & a lecture was read by Dr. C. T. Jackson of Boston. Subject: Geology & Chemistry as applied to Agriculture. A. G. Fay Sec.

Nov. 15, 1843 The Lyceum met pursuant to previous notice. A lecture was read by R. W. Emerson of Concord. Subject: New England Character. A. G. Fay Sec.

Nov. 23^d 1843 A lecture was delivered by O. A. Brownson, of Chelsea. Subject: Demagoguism. A. G. Fay Sec.

Nov. 29th [1843] A Lecture was read before the Lyceum by H. D. Thoreau upon the Ancient Poets. A. G. Fay Sec.

Dec. 7 A Lecture was read by Rev. H. Giles of England. Subject: O'Connell & the Irish Agitation. A. G. Fay Sec.

Dec. 14 [1843] A Lecture was read before the Lyceum by Rev. Henry Giles of England. Subject: Character of Falstaff. A. G. Fay, Sec.

Dec 21, 1843. A Lecture was read before the Lyceum by John S. Key[e]s of Concord. Subject: Courts of Justice. A. G. Fay Sec.

Dec 28. [1843] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Prof. Brooks of Boston. Subject: Zoology. A. G. Fay Sec.

Jan 4, 1844 A Lecture was read by R. W. Emerson. Subject: New England Character. A. G. Fay Sec

Jan. 10, 1844 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Dr. J. V. C. Smith of Boston. Subject: The principle of Life. A. G. Fay Sec

Jan 18, 1844 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Wendall Phillips Esq. of Boston Subject: Slavery. A. G. Fay

Feb 2^d [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Rev. C. Stetson of Medford. Subject: Beauty & Utility. A. G. Fay Sec.

Feb 9th [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Hon. Horace Mann. Subject: Education. A. G. Fay Sec.

Feb 16 [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Charles Lane of Harvard [Massachusetts]. Subject: Association. A. G. Fay

Feb. 23^d [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Rev. B. Frost of Concord. Subject: The West. A. G. Fay Sec.

March 6th [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Rev. James Means of Concord. Subject: The Improvements of the Age. A. G. Fay Sec

March 13 [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Rev. James F. Clark of Boston. Subject: An[n]exation of Texas. A. G. Fay Sec.

March 20 [1844] A lecture was read before the Lyceum by Rev. L. Bacon of New Haven Conn. Subject: Thos^s Wentworth. A. G. Fay Sec.

Nov 6 1844 Pursuant to a call of the Curators a meeting of the Lyceum was held at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church. The meeting was called to order by the President. The Curators & Treasurer made a report of the doings of the Ly-

ceum for [the] past year. Voted: That when \$100, shall have been subscribed the Curators be instructed to call another meeting of the Lyceum. Voted: That a committee [sic] of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate [sic] a Committee of nine to procure subscriptions. Chose J. M. Chen[e]y, E. Bigelow, Joseph Barrett nominating Com. Com. reported the names of the following persons viz. Lorenzo Eaton, Henry L. Shattuck, John S. Keyes, E. W. Bull, Nathan Barrett, Daniel Wood, Geo. M. Barrett, John Brown, Jr., Frances [sic] Wheeler. Report accepted. Listened to a Lecture by R. W. Emerson. A. G. Fay Sec.

Concord Dec 18th 1844. In accordance with the vote of Nov. 6th a meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening at the vestry of the Unitarian church. The meeting was called to order by the President. A report was called for from the committee chosen to collect subscriptions. Mr Eaton, chairman of said committee, stated that the required sum viz \$100.00 was subscribed. The society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year & the following persons were chosen by ballot viz. John M. Cheney Pres't. Rev Mr Mather, Rev A. G. Fay Vice Pres'ts. Geo M Brooks Sec Lorenzo Eaton Treas Rev R W Emerson, Rev B Frost John S Keyes Curators. There being no further business before the Lyceum the society voted to adjourn. Geo M Brooks, Sec

Dec 25th 1844 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by Major Tochman of Poland. Subject: Sclavonian literature. Geo M Brooks Sec

Jan'y 1st 1845. The society met this evening and listened to a lecture from Mr Hudson. Subject: Macbeth. Geo M Brooks sec

Jan'y 8th /45 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by the Rev Dr Francis of Cambridge. Subject: Life & Writings of Bishop Berkel[e]y. Geo M Brooks Sec'y

Jan'y 16th /45 [Prob. an error for 15th] A Lecture was delivered this evening by Doctor Bartlett of Concord. Subject: American Indians. Geo. M Brooks Sec'y

Jan'y 22nd /45 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by Dr Jackson of Boston. Subject: Geology.

Jan'y 29th /45 The Lyceum listened this evening to a lecture from Hon Horace Mann of Boston. Subject: Great Britian. Geo M Brooks Sec'y.

Feb'y 12th /45 The society was called to order by the President. Dea Reuben Brown made some remarks concerning the annoyance suffered by the members of the Lyceum, caused by the whispering & playfullness of certain boys; he suggested that some effectual Measures should be taken to put a stop [to] such disturbances. Mr Keyes then rose & said that it was impossible for the Curators to keep order, & therefore he moved that six persons should be chosen for the express purpose of keeping order among the boys & others disposed to disturb the Lectures; his Motion was carried, & the following were chosen to carry this plan into effect: Charles Bowers, Chas B Davis, Dan'l Clark, James Adams, Jacob Farmer. After the completion of the above business the Lyceum listened to a Lecture from Dr Jarvis of Dorchester. Subject: Health. Geo M Brooks Sec'y.

Feb'y 19th 1845 A Lecture was delivered this evening by the Rev Dr Palfrey of Boston. Subject: History of Massachusetts Bay. Geo M. Brooks Sec'y

Feb'y 26th 1845 A lecture was delivered this evening by the Rev. Mr. Ellis of Charlestown. Subject: The Known & Unknown in Relation to this Globe. Geo. M. Brooks sec'y

March 5th 1845. A lecture was delivered by the Rev Mr Mather of Concord. Subject: Water. After the lecture Mr Saml Barrett moved that the curators be requested to invite Mr Wendell Phillips to deliver a lecture on Slavery before the Lyceum on Wednesday of the ensuing week, which motion after discussion was

adopted by a vote of 21 to 15 as declared by the President. After the declaration of the vote two of the curators, Messrs Frost & Keyes, resigned their office of curators. It was then moved to adjourn sine die; which motion was submitted to the Lyceum by the President & declared to be a vote, which vote was immediately doubted, but without calling for the contrary minded or in any way settling the vote, the President left the chair. After calling for the vice Presidents, Col Wth Whiting took the chair. On Motion, Col Whiting was chosen President pro tem. The Lyceum then proceeded to fill the vacancies made by the resignation of Messrs Frost & Keyes. Thereupon Messrs Ralph W Emerson, Samⁿ Barrett & David H. Thoreau were chosen curators by ballot. A committee was then chosen to collect funds for the further support of the Lyceum. The Lyceum then adjourned to ~~meet~~ next Wednesday eve. Geo. M. Brooks Sec'y

March 11th 1845. The Lyceum this evening listened to a lecture from Wendell Phillips Esq of Boston. Subject, Slavery. Geo. M. Brooks, Sec'y

March 18th 1845 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by Geo. Farrar Esq of Charlestown. Subject: Tories of the Revolution. Geo. M. Brooks Sec'y

March 25th 1845. A Lecture was delivered this evening by Mr David H. Thoreau of Concord. Subject: Concord river. Geo. M. Brooks Sec'y

April 2nd 1845. A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by the Rev Ralph W. Emerson of this Town. Subject: Bonaparte. Geo M. Brooks sy

Unitarian Vestry Nov. 12th 1845. At a meeting of the members of the Concord Lyceum, Col. William Whiting was chosen President Pro tem—Nathan B. Stow, Secretary protem. On motion of Col. Shattuck it was Voted to adopt the old Constitution as regard to the choice of Officers. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year. William Whiting President. Rev. Addison G. Fay 1st Vice President. Rev. W^m L. Mather 2^d [Vice President]. Lorenzo Eaton, Treasurer. Cyrus Stow, Recording Secretary. Nathan Brooks, George P. Bradford, E. Rockwood Hoar Curators. Voted— That when the Curators secure a Lecturer that their decision is final without ane [any] further interference from the Lyceum. Voted, That the Constitution remain as it is, except that part in relation to the fees for membership. Nathan B. Stow Sec-protem.

Concord November 26, 1845. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening. J. C. Park Esq^r of Boston gave a lecture on Popular Education. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow Recording Secretary

Concord Dec. 3, 1845. A meeting of the Lyceum was held this evening, when Mr Gould of Boston gave a Lecture. Subject: Chivalry. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow, Secretary.

Concord Dec. 10 1845 A lecture was deliv[er]ed this evening by Mr Whipple of Boston. Subject: Mirth. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Dec 17, 1845. A lecture was deliv[er]ed this evening when George S. Boutwell Esq., of Groton, delivered a lecture on the Claims of the United States and Great Britain to the Oregon territory. Cyrus Stow, Secretary

Concord Dec 24, 1845. A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Mr. Hillard of Boston. Subject: Geography. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Dec 31, 1845. A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by Mr R. Waldo Emerson, of Concord. Subject: Plato. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Janu[ar]y 7, 1846. The Lyceum met this evening. The President being absent, Col. Shattuck was chosen Chairman. The Lecturer was present, but on account of the inclemency of the weather, few persons being present, it was voted, with the consent of the Lecturer Mr Fuller, to postpone the subject till next week. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Janu[ar]y 14, 1846 Mr Hen[r]ly G. Fuller of Boston gave his first Lecture at the Lyceum on Ancient Egypt. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Janu[ar]y 21, 1846. Mr Henry G. Fuller of Boston gave his Second Lecture on Egypt. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Janu[ar]y 28, 1846. Mr Henry H. Fuller of Boston gave the third Lecture at the Lyceum on Egypt. On motion of Nathen Brooks Esq. it was voted that the thanks of the Society be given to H. H. Fuller Esq. for his three interesting lectures given gratuitously. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow, Secretary

Concord Feb 4, 1846. A lecture was read before the Society by Mr Henry D. Thoreau of Concord. Subject: the Writings & Style of Thomas Carlyle. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Feb. 11, 1846. Doct. Jackson of Boston delivered a Lecture. Subject: Mining. Adjourn[ed] C. Stow Secretary

Concord Feb. 18, 1846 A lecture was deliverd this eveni[n]g by Perez W. Chandler, Esq. of Boston. Subject, Early Colonial Histry of Massachusetts Bay. Adjourned. C. Stow, Sect.

Feb. 25, 1846. A Lecture was deliverd by Mr Orin Wilson of Concord. Subject. Hydraulics. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow, Sect

Concord March 4, 1846. A Lecture was delivred by Charles Sumner Esq. of Boston. Subject, The value of time. Adjourned. C. Stow, Sec.

Concord March 11 1846. A Lecture was delivered by Geo. Farrar Esq of Charlestown. Subject, The Connection between Church & State. Adjourned. Cyrus Stow, Secretary

Concord March 18, 1846. A lecture was delivered at the Lyceum by Doct Edward Jarvis of Brookline. Subject: Physiology. Adjourned till Tuesdy eveng next. Cyrus Stow Sec.

Concord March 24 1846 A Lecture was delivered this evening by Mr R. Waldo Emerson of this town. Subject: Sweadingburg & Mystic.

Concord March 31 1846 A Lectur[e] was deliverd by R Waldo Emerson of this town. Subject. Character of Montane. Adjourned to Wenensdy eveng next at half past 7^o

Concord April 8, 1846. A Lecture was delivrd by Mr R Waldo Emerson of Concord. Subject, Character of Shakspear. Adjourned twill Wedensdy eveng at 7 1/2 clk Cyrus Stow Secreta[r]ly

Concord April 15 1846. A Lecture was delivered by Mr R. Waldo Emerson of this town. Subject, Character of Gothe. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord April 23, 1846 Mr R. Waldo Emerson gave a Lecture this evening. Subject, Character of Napoleun Boneapart. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord April 29, 1846. The sixth Lecture was delivered by Mr. R. Waldo Emerson, all of which have been givn gratuitously. Subject— Uses of Great Men. Cyrus Stow Secretary

Concord Oct 29 1846 The Lyceum met agreeably to to [sic] previous notice at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church. The meeting was called to order by W^m Whiting, President. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: W^m Whiting, President. Rev. J. O. Skinner 1st Vice [President]. Rev. W^m L. Mather 2^d [Vice President]. Lorenzo Eaton, Treasurer. A. G. Fay, Secretary. E. R. Hoar, R. W. Emerson, H. A. Barrett—Curators. W^m Whiting was chosen a committee to collect subscriptions. Voted: That the Lyceum commence as soon as

one hundred dollars are collected.

Concord Dec 2 1846 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by J. A. Andrew Esq of Boston. Subject []. A. G. Fay, Sec.

Concord Dec 9 1846 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Charles Francis Adams Esq of Boston. Subject: Milton. A. G. Fay Secretary

Concord Dec 16 1846 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. Mr. Waterston. Subject— Washington Allston. A. G. Fay

Concord Dec 23^d 1846 A Lecture was delivered by Henry Hudson Esq. Subject: Criticism upon the "Moor of Venice". A. G. Fay.

Concord Dec 30th 1846 A Lecture was delivered by Rev J. O. Skinner of Concord. Subject, The Unity of the human race. A. G. Fay Sec.

Concord Jan. 6 1847 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by H. H. Fuller Esq of Boston. Subject— Ancient Egypt. A. G. Fay Sec.

Concord Jan 13 1847 A lecture was delivered by H. H. Fuller Esq of Boston. Subject— Ancient Egypt. A. G. Fay Sec

Concord Jan. 20 1847 A lecture was delivered by James Freeman Clarke of Boston. Subject: Joan of Arc. A. G. Fay Sec.

Concord Jan. 27 1847 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev Mr. Weiss of Watertown. Subject— Toussaint. A. G. Fay, Sec.

Concord Feb 3^d 1847 A lecture was delivered by C. C. Hazewell of Concord. Subject, Richard the Third. A. G. Fay, Sec.

Concord Feb 10 1847 A lecture was delivered by H. D. Thoreau of Concord. Subject— History of Himself. A. G. Fay Sec.

Concord Feb 17 1847 A lecture was delivered by Henry D Thoreau of Concord. Subject— Same as last week. A. G. Fay Sec.

Concord Feb. 24 1847 A lecture was delivered by R. W. Emerson of Concord. Subject— Eloquence. A. G. Fay, Sec.

Concord March 3^d 1847 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Mr. Whipple of Boston. Subject, The Ludic[r]ous side of Life.

Concord March 10— 1847 A lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Charles Sumner Esq of Boston. Subject, White Slavery in Algiers.

Concord March 17— 1847 A lecture was delivered by . Ad-journed for the season. A. G. Fay Rec. Secretary.

Concord Oct. [] 1847 The Lyceum met agreeably to previous notice at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church. The Meeting was called to order by W^m Whiting, President. Voted to proceed to the choice of officers. Chose the following persons officers for the year ensuing: Col. W^m Whiting, President. Rev. B. Frost Rev. W. L. Mather Vice Presidents. Lorenzo Eaton Treasurer. A. G. Fay Secretary. E. R. Hoar, G. M. Brooks, G. W. Goodnow Curators. Voted not to commence the Lectures till \$100. be subscribed. Voted not to commence the lectures till the week following Thanksgiving. Voted to adjourn. A. G. Fay Secretary.

[No minutes apparently were kept during the fall of 1847 and the spring of 1848. The only evidence of participants in these records is the following brief list:]

During the Season the following persons lectured before the Lyceum

E. P. Whipple of Boston
 [Henry?] Hudson of Boston
 [F. D.] Huntington of Boston
 Theodore Parker of do
 Mr. Buttock [sic] [Bullock?]
 Dr J. C. V. Smith of Boston 2 lectures [? Jerome Van Crowninshield
 C. C. Felton [of] Cambridge Smith]
 Mr. Hall
 H D Thoreau of Concord A. G. Fay

Concord Nov [] 1848 The Concord Lyceum met agreeably to previous notice at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church. The Meeting was called to order by Col. W^m Whiting President. Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the coming year. The following is a list of the persons chosen: Col. W^m Whiting, President. Rev. B. Frost Rev. W^m L. Mather Vice Presidents. John Brown Jr., Treasurer. A. G. Faye, Secretary. Rev. B. Frost, C. W. Goodnow, G. M. Brooks Curators. Chose Col. W^m Whiting Committee to collect funds for the support [of] the Lyceum & that the Lectures do not commence till the sum of \$100, be subscribed.

The following is a list of the Lectures delivered during the season:

Dec 5 1848 Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: Why England is England.
 " 12 " Lecture by Charles Sumner of Boston. Subject: Law of Progress.
 " 19 " Lecture by Rev. Mr. Caldwell. Subject: Art of Printing.
 " 26 " Lecture by Mr. Fuller of Boston. Subject: The West.
 Jan^y 3^d 1849 Lecture by D. H. Thoreau Concord. Subject: White Beans & Walden Pond.
 " 10 " Lecture by Simon Brown Concord. Subject: Woman.
 " 17 " Lecture by F. D. Huntington Boston. Subject: Alfred the Great.
 " 24 " Lecture by E. P. Whipple, Boston. Subject: Intellectual Health.
 " 31 " Lecture by C. C. Felton Cambridge. Subject: Rights of Woman.
 Feb. 7 " Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: London.
 " 16 " Lecture by Rev. Henry Giles. Subject: Literary Fame.
 " 21 " Lecture by Rev. Theodore Parker Boston. Subject: Transcendentalism.
 " 28 " Lecture by H. H. Fuller Boston. Subject: Egypt.
 March 14 " Lecture by Rev. Mr. Hill Waltham. Subject: []
 " 21 " Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: Aristocracy.
 April 4 " Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: The superlative in Literature.
 " 11 " Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Laws of the Intellect.
 " 18 " Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Laws of the Intellect.
 " 25 " Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Laws of the Intellect. A. G. Fay —

Concord Oct 31st 1849 Agreeably to previous notice a meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church. The meeting was called to order by the President. Voted to proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing season. The following is a list of the persons chosen: President, Rev. B. Frost. Vice Presidents, Simon Brown Col. Shattuck. Secretary, Albert Stacy. Treasurer, John Brown Jr. Curators, R. W. Emerson, C. W. Goodnow, F. R. Gourgas. Voted that the Curators be a committe[e] to audit the acct of the Treasurer— That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to Col^l Whiting for services as President for the past 4 years. Voted that the Lyceum do not commence till one hundred dollars are collected. Voted to adjourn. A Stacy Rec Sect^y

The following is a list of Lectures delivered during the Season:

Dec 12th 1849 A Lecture was delivered by E. P. Whipple of Boston. Subject: Character.

" 19th " A Lecture was delivered by Geo S. Boutwell of Groton. Subject: Ireland and the Condition of the Irish.

" 26th " A Lecture was delivered by Dr C. T. Jackson of Boston. Subject: Lake Superior.

Jan'y 2^d 1850 A Lecture was delivered by R. W. Emerson of Concord. Subject: Books.

" 8th " A Lecture was delivered by Mr Keoppen. Subject: Modern Greece.

" 16 " A Lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Hedge of Bangor. Subject: The English Nation.

" 23 " Lecture by H. D. Thoreau of Concord. Subject: Cape Cod.

" 30 " Lecture by H. D. Thoreau of Concord. Subject: Cape Cod.

Feb 6th " Lecture by John A. Bolles of Boston. Subject: Life of Dr Franklin.

" 13 " Lecture by Rev. Starr King of Boston. Subject: Thought & Life.

" 20th " Lecture by Dr. Ezra Gannett of Boston. Subject: Conversation.

" 27th " Lecture by [Barnas] Sears. Subject: Education.

Mar. 6 " Lecture by H. H. Fuller of Boston. Subject: Ancient Egypt.

" 13th " Lecture by Rev. M^r Ware of Cambridge. Subject: Italy.

" 19 " Lecture [by] Rev. B. Frost of Concord. Subject: Trial and execution of Charles Stuart.

" 26 " Lecture by N. P. Banks of Waltham. Subject: [].

Concord Oct 30th 1850 Agreeably to previous notice a meeting of the members of Concord Lyceum was held at the vestry of the Unitarian Church. The meeting was called to order by the President. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Simon Brown. 1st Vice President, Dr. Bartlett. 2 [Vice President], C. W. Goodnow. Treasurer, John Brown Jr. Sect^y Albert Stacy. Curators: Dr. Bartlett, G. M. Brooks, C. Bowers. Voted that the debt of last year be paid out [of] the funds collected this year. Voted that the Lyceum do not commence till there are one hundred dollars in the Treasury. Albert Stacy Sect^y

The following is a list of Lectures given during the season:

Dec 6th 1850 R. W. Emerson. Property.

" 13 " Mr. Fuller. Egyptian Civilization.

Dec	18 th	1850	Rev. Mr. Muzzy.	<u>Switzerland.</u>
"	25	"	Mr. Wheildon.	<u>Origen of the Human Race.</u>
Jan'y	1	1851	Wendell Phillips.	<u>Lost Arts.</u>
"	8	"	Mr. Leslie.	<u>Caves.</u>
"	15	"	George Thompson, M.P.	<u>British Politics.</u>
"	22	"	J. Fay Barrett.	<u>Poem: "Concord".</u>
"	29	"	I. Q. A. Griffin.	<u>Witchcraft.</u>
Feby	5	"	Dr. Bell.	<u>Cuba.</u>
"	12	"	Rev. W ^m Ware.	<u>Rome.</u>
"	19	"	R. W. Emerson.	
"	26	"	Dr. Raynolds.	<u>Geography.</u>
Mar	5 th	"	I. W. Baird.	<u>Womans Legal Rights.</u>
"	12	"	Ezra Ripley.	<u>Aaron Burr.</u>
"	19	"	Dr. J. Bartlett.	<u>The Regicides.</u>
"	26	"	W. Lynde.	<u>Hindostan.</u>
Apr	2	"	Charles Bowers.	<u>Shoemakers.</u>
"	9	"	Geo. Bradford.	
"	23	"	H. D. Thoreau.	<u>The Wild.</u>
"	30	"	Dr. E. Jarvis.	<u>Idiocy and Idiots.</u>
May	7	"	Mr. E. V. Scherb.	<u>Lessing.</u>
"	14	"	S. G. Wheeler Jr.	

Albert Stacy Sect^y

Concord Nov 12th 1851 Agreeably to previous notice a meeting of the Members of Concord Lyceum was held at the Brick School House. The Meeting was called to order by the President & Treasurers report was read and accepted. The following Officers were chosen for the ensuing Season: President, Dr. Bartlett. Vice Presidents, C. W. Goodnow, N. B. Stow. Secretary, Albert Stacy. Treasurer, John Brown Jr. Curators, A. G. Fay, C. W. Goodnow, Albert Stacy. Voted— That the Lyceum do not commence till one hundred an[d] twenty five dollars are raised. Voted to adjourn. Albert Stacy Sect^y.

The following is a List of Lectures given during the Season:

Tuesday	Dec	2 ^d	1851	Lecture by R. W. Emerson.	Subject: <u>Margert Fuller De Ossoli.</u>
Wednesday	"	10 th	"	Lecture by W. W. Wheildon.	Subject: []
Wednesday	"	17 th	"	Lecture [by] Rev. Mr. Hudson.	Subject: <u>Falstaff.</u>
Wednesday	"	24	"	Lecture by O. W. Holmes Esq.	Subject: <u>Love of Nature.</u>
Wednesday	"	31 st	"	Lecture by Mrs. E. Oakes Smith.	Subject: <u>Womanhood.</u>

Wednesday Jan	7 th	1852	Lecture by H. D. Thoreau. Subject: <u>Excursion to Canada.</u>
Wednesday "	14	"	Lecture by Gov. Geo. S. Boutwell. Subject: <u>Government.</u>
Wednesday "	21	"	Lecture by Rev. Mr. Hig[glinson. Subject: <u>Muhomed.</u>
Wednesday "	28	"	Lecture by W. E. Channing. Subject: <u>Society.</u>
Wednesday Feb	4 th	"	Lecture by Proffessor Blassius. Subject: <u>Lorna do[one]</u>
Wednesday "	11	"	Lecture by Daniel Foster. Subject: <u>Womans Rights.</u>
Wednesday "	18 th	"	Lecture by Rev. G. F. Simmons. Subject: <u>Geography & History.</u>
Wednesday "	25	"	Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: <u>Economy.</u>
Wednesday March	3 ^d	"	Lecture by Robert Gordon [of] Framingham. Subject: <u>California.</u>
Wednesday "	10 th	"	Lecture by Amasa Walker [of] Brookfield. Subject: <u>Public Lands.</u>
Wednesday "	17 th	"	Lecture by H. D. Thoreau. Subject: <u>Canada.</u>
Wednesday "	24 th	"	Lecture by Dr. E. Jarvis [of] Dorchester. Subject: <u>Causes of Insanity.</u>
Wednesday April	7 th	"	Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: <u>Worship.</u>
Albert Stacy Sect ^y			

Oct 27th 1852 In accordance with previous notice a meeting was held at the Town School House for the purpose of organizing the Lyceum for the ensuing Season. The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. The following officers were chosen: President, A. G. Fay. Vice President, G. M. Brooks. 2^d [Vice President] W. W. Whieldon. Sect^y A. Stacy. Treasurer, J. Brown Jr. Curators, W. W. Wheildon, L. Angier, Dan^l Shattuck. Voted— that the Lyceum do not commence till one hundred dollars shall have been paid in. A. Stacy Sect^y

Dec	1 st	1852	Lecture by W. Whieldon. Subject: <u>Life.</u>
"	8 th	"	Lecture by Dr. J. Raynolds. Subject: <u>Agricul[tural] Chemistry.</u>
"	15	"	Lecture by Alfred Bunn. Subject: <u>Shakspeare & the Drama.</u>
"	22	"	Lecture by Rev. S. D. Robbins. Subject: <u>Mich^l Angelo.</u>
"	29	"	Lecture by Rev. Mr. Burton. Subject: <u>Education.</u>
Jan	5	1853	Lecture by E. P. Whipple. Subject: <u>Heroism.</u>
"	12	"	Lecture by Rev. R. C. Waterson. Subject: <u>Scotland.</u>
"	19	"	Lecture by Dr. J. V. C. Smith. Subject: <u>Palestine.</u>
"	27	"	Lecture by C. T. Russell. Subject: <u>Seige of Quebec.</u>
Feb	2	"	Lecture by N. P. Banks. Subject: <u>Spain.</u>
"	9	"	Lecture by Roland [Rollin?] H. Neale. [Subject:] <u>Proffessional Enthusiasm.</u>
"	16 th	"	No Lecture (Stormy).
"	24	"	Lecture by R. W. Emerson. Subject: <u>Anglo Saxons.</u>

Mar 2^d 1853 Lecture by Rev. G. F. Simmons. Subject: Luther and his Times.
A. Stacy Secty

November 2^d 1853. Agreeably to notice, a meeting of the Lyceum was held at the High School Room. In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order by one of the Curators, Col. Shattuck. The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. After which a discussion followed as to the best method of conducting the Lyceum & raising funds—the "Ticket" system being strongly urged by Mess. Shattuck, Dr. Reynolds, and J. Brown Jr. while the old method of "open doors" was advocated by Mess. W^m Whiting, Judge Hoar, Rev. B. Frost & C. W. Goodnow. The "Ticket System" was voted down & afterwards the following officers were chosen. For President, Rev. Luther H. Angier. Vice Presidents, Rev. Barzillai Frost, Rev. Geo. F. Simmons. Curators: Simon Brown, Rev. Geo. F. Simmons, David Henry Thoreau. Secretary, John Brown Jr. Treasurer, Albert Stacy. Voted not to proceed till One Hundred & fifty dollars be subscribed & paid to the Treasurer. Col. Whiting consented to solicit subscriptions. Adjnd. John Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve 16 Nov. 1853 A meeting of subscribers to the Lyceum was call'd this eve at the High School room to choose a new board of Curators, those chosen at a former meeting having declined. In the absence of the President & Vice President the Secretary call'd the meeting to order & was appointed chairman. N. H. Warren was chosen a committee to collect the votes. The following gentlemen were unanimously chosen Curators. Rev. B. Frost, R. W. Emerson, A. G. Fay. Col. Whiting, for the Treasurer, reported that the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars was subscribed & paid in. Adjourned. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

1853—1854

Thursday eve Dec 1. [1853] The first Lecture of the Season was given this eve by R. W. Emerson. Subject. The Anglo-American. J. B. Jr. Secry.

Monday eve 5th Dec. [1853] Rev. A. L. Stone of Park St Church, Boston, lectured this eve. Subject, Individuality. Some of the "fashionable follies" of the day were humorously but at the same time rather severely ridiculed. J. B. Jr. Secry.

Wednesday eve 14th Dec [1853] Lecture by D. H. Thoreau. Subject, Journey to Moose Head Lake. J. B. Jr. Secry.

December 21, [1853] A Lecture was delivered by R. H. Dana Jr. Esq. upon Edmund Burke. J. B. Jr. Secry.

December 29, [1853] Hon. John P. Hale was engaged to Lecture but owing to the violence of the Storm, there was no meeting of the Lyceum. J. B. Jr. Secry.

Jany 4. 1854 Dr. Reynolds of this town lectured before the Lyceum upon Education. J. B. Jr. Secy

Wednesday eve, Jany 11, 1854 Rev. Warren Burton lectured before the Lyceum. Subject, the education of children, considering at length the evils which result from "dissipation." Some children, he tho't, had become dissipated before leaving their mothers breast by being pampered with sweetmeats &c.—also from selfishness, vanity, intemperance &c. &c. J. Brown Jr. Secy

Wednesday eve Jany. 18. 1854 Rev. J. F. Ware of Cambridge lectured before the Lyceum upon The Biography of Tea, giving an account of its culture & preparation for export, but more particularly eulogizing it as a healthful exhilarant & promoter of social happiness. He also drew a comparison between this "pagan" plant & the "christian" plant Tobacco grown among us, in which he showed the "pagan" the greater christian of the two. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve. 25th Jany [1854] Ex Governor G. S. Boutwell, of Groton, lectured before the Lyceum. Subject, The Puritans. J. Brown Jr. Sec'y.

Wednesday eve Feby 1, 1854. Judge E. R. Hoar gave a very entertaining & instructive lecture upon Sydney Smith. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Feby 8, [18]54 Prof. Horsford of Cambridge was to lecture this eve, but owing to the inclemency of the weather did not come. J. Brown Jr. Secry.

Wednesday eve, Feby 15, [18]54 Rev. Theodore Parker lectured upon the Function of Beauty. J. Brown Jr. Secry.

Wednesday eve Jeby 22, [18]54 Mr. Edward Bangs lectured upon the Dead Cities. J. Brown Jr.

Wednesday eve March 1, 1854 Rev. T. Star King of Boston lectured upon Show & Substance. Many things which pass for substance were proved to be but shadow. A Ghost was less a soul without a body than a body without a soul. We had many such—not revisitants of earth as they had never left—some in congress now conniving at the passage of the infamous "Nebraska Bill." The force or power which sustain[ed] & moved things was more positive & real than the things so acted upon, tho. invisible. This idea was elaborately illustrated & applied in the world of matter & mind, very much to the edification & delight of a large audience. J. Brown Jr. Secry.

Wednesday eve March 8, 1854 Prof. Horsford of Cambridge lectured upon the nature of forces & the laws which govern them. The evening was very stormy & the attendance rather slim. J. Brown Jr. Secretary.

Wednesday eve 15 March 1854 Dr Loring of Salem lectured upon Progress, Conservatism &c &c. J. Brown Jr.

Wednesday eve March 22, [18]54 Rev. Dr. Neal of Boston gave a very entertaining lecture upon Natural Life. The lecture abounded in quotations from the poets & philosophers of ancient & modern times—was full of wit & humor & was delivered in the free off-hand & hearty style for which the Rev. Gentleman is so celebrated. J. Brown Jr. Secry

Wednesday eve [March] 30 [he means "29"], [18]54 Sam'l G. Wheeler Jr. Esq. lectured upon Cause & Effect, the Uses of Things &c. J. Brown Jr. Secretary

April 5. [1854] Wednesday eve. R. W. Emerson lectured upon France. J. Brown Jr.

Wednesday ev[e] April 12, 1854 R. W. Emerson gave the last lecture of the season. The course has numbered eighteen (18) lectures, on various subjects, many of them of the highest order, & have been listened to by large and attentive audiences. J. Brown Jr. Secr[e]tary.

Concord Wednesday eve, Nov. 1, 1854 Agreeably to notice a meeting of the members of the Lyceum was held at the high school room for the purpose of organizing for the coming season. Rev. Mr. Angier, the President of the last season, called the meeting to order. The reports of the Secretary & Treasurer were read & accepted. Upon motion of Dr. Bartlett a committee of three was appointed by the chair to report a list of officers to be balloted for. That committee consisted of Dr. Bartlett, Dr. Reynolds & Sam'l Hoar Esq. They reported the names of Judge E. R. Hoar for President; Rev. Luther H. Angier Rev. Barzillai Frost Vice Prests; John Brown Jr. Secretary; Albert Stacy Treasurer; Rev. B. Frost, R. W. Emerson, Simon Brown Curators; and they were chosen. It was voted to proceed upon the same plan as that of former years, & Col. W^m Whiting was invited & urgently requested, as necessary to the success of this plan, to solicit subscriptions. Voted not to proceed till one Hundred & fifty Dollars be sub-

scribed & paid. Adjourned. John Brown Jr. Sec.

Tuesday Eve. 12 Dec^r 1854 R. W. Emerson gave the first Lecture of the course, upon English Character & influence, at the Town Hall, commencing at 7. o'clock. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Thursday eve 21 Dec. 1854 Rev. G. F. Simmons of Albany lectured upon Russia. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 27 Dec. 1854 Hon. John P. Hale of New Hampshire lectured upon the last Gladiatorial Show, and incidents connected therewith. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Thursday eve Jany 4, 1855 E. P. Whipple of Boston lectured upon Martin Luther, dwelling particularly upon his early history & showing the progress in his mind from Catholicism to Protestantism—a very marked & interesting Lecture. J. Brown Jr. Secretary. N.B. The Lyceum voted to meet in future at 7 1/2 oclock instead of 7—the Ladies being allowed to vote! J. B. Jr. Sec.

Wednesday 10 Jany 1855 Mr. Copeland of Lexington lectured upon the Usefull & the Beautifull, applied & illustrated in works of Art, in Architecture, Landscape gardening, Rural Cemeteries &c. J. Brown Jr. Sec.

Wednesday 17 Jany 1855 Dr. Solger, from Poland, recently from Boston, lectured upon the Eastern question. Represented England as reluctant to make war upon Russia, but very anxious to prevent Russia from obtaining any foothold in Turkey. Considered the occupation of the Danubian principalities by the Austrians as the principal event of the War. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 24 Jany 1855 Rev. Mr. Waterston of Boston lectured upon Switzerland & its glaciers. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Jany 31, 1855 Mr. Goddard of Cincinnati lectured upon Art. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Feby. 7, 1855. James Russel[1] Lowell of Cambridge lectured upon Poetry—Shakspeare & Milton. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Feby 14, 1855 D. H. Thoreau Esq. of Concord gave a lecture from the text, "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world & lose his own soul?" J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve 21 Feby. 1855 Prof. Felton of Cambridge lectured upon Greece. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Feby 28, [18]55 Simon Brown Esq. (Lt. Governor) lectured upon the comparative importance of Farming. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday March 7, 1855 Rev. Mr. Frost lectured upon Kansas, described the country, & urged the importance of securing it to "Freedom" by contributing to the "Emigrant Aid" assoⁿ &c &c. John Brown Jr. Secy.

Thursday March 15th 1855 Dr. Solger was to lecture this eve but telegraphed fr. New York the P.M. previous that he was unavoidably detained, so there is to be no lecture this week! J. B. Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 21st March 1855 Dr. Reynolds of Concord lectured upon []. The Hall was cold & smoky & the audience rather small. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 29th March 1855 R. W. Emerson lectured upon Beauty. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday April 4, 1855 Dr. Solger lectured upon the Eastern Question, refer[r]ed to the various battles that had been fought in the Crimea, complimented

the "Allies" for superior bravery & endurance, & thought the effect of the war would be in favor of freedom. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Octo 24, 1855 The Lyceum met in the Centre School Room and was call'd to order by the President, Judge E. R. Hoar. The Reports of the Treasurer & Secretary were then read. The Lyceum then proceeded to ballot for a President for the ensuing season, & Judge Hoar was unanimously rechosen, but declined serving. Another balloting was had, which resulted in the choice of His Honor, Simon Brown (for President). The other officers were then chosen as follows. For Vice Presidents: Rev. B. Frost, Rev. L. H. Angier; For Secretary, John Brown Jr. For Treasurer, Albert Stacy. For Curators, Judge E. R. Hoar, Rev. B. Frost, W^m S. Robinson. Dr. Reynolds moved that the Ticket system be adopted. W^m S. Robinson & C. W. Goodnow spoke in favor of the old system. Voted to adopt the Ticket system (6 to 5). C. W. Goodnow moved to instruct the Curators to appoint the future meetings of the Lyceum on Wednesday evenings only. Motion carried. Voted that the Curators be a committee to fix the price of Tickets. Judge Hoar then declined serving as Curator & Dr. Reynolds was chosen to fill the vacancy. W^m S. Robinson also declined, & S. G. Wheeler Jr. was chosen to fill [his place]. E. W. Bull then moved a reconsideration of the vote to adopt the Ticket system. Reconsidⁿ carried. It was then moved to adopt the "old system." The vote being taken resulted in a tie. The President declined to vote. A. G. Fay then moved that the gentleman [sic] who voted for the "Ticket system" be a committee to report at a future meeting. No definite plan of prices being proposed he was not able to vote either way. Dr. Reynolds replied, stating that the prices proposed were those generally adopted elsewhere, viz. one dollar for adult males, & fifty cents for females & minors to the course & fifteen cents for single Tickets. The vote was then taken for the committee & carried, but the gentleman [sic] believing there was nothing additional to report, all declined serving, & without deciding upon any plan the meeting adjourned to next wednesday eve. at 7 1/2 oclk. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Octo. 31. 55 The Lyceum met in the Centre School Room to decide upon the plan to be adopted for raising funds for the coming season. After a general discussion of the subject it was voted to adopt the old method of voluntary subscriptions and "open doors." Voted to pay for getting up the subscription list. Charles Bowers proposed and was employed to solicit subscriptions. The Curators elected at the last meeting having declined serving, the following list was chosen.

Curators.
1855 & 56

{ Dr. Reynolds
S. G. Wheeler Jr.
George M. Brooks. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Dec 5, 1855 The first lecture of the season was given by Rev Mr Shackford of Lynn. Subject, The Philosophy of History. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Dec 12, 1855 Chas. L. Flint, Secy. Mass. Board of Agriculture, lectured upon the subject of Agriculture. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Dec 19, 1855 George Sumner of Boston lectured upon Old England & Young America, showing the present condition of the school system of Holland, Ireland, France & Greece—a very elaborate & valuable lecture, & delivered in most scholarly style. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 26 Dec 1856 [1855] Professor Hoyt of Exeter delivered a very high toned & interesting lecture—sparkling with wit & solid with wisdom—upon some of the fallacy's of the age, such as, that "the spirit of reverence was servility," "young America" receiving some wholesome rebukes under this head; "That material riches constituted true wealth," that those engaged in physical labours were the only workers & producers; that a strict observance of creeds & forms constituted Christianity, &c. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Jan'y 2, 1856 Daniel N. Haskell, editor of the Boston Transcript, lectured upon the Newspaper. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Jan'y 9, 1856 Hon. & Rev. D. C. Eddy of Lowell lectured upon life architecture, showing that eminent men were not born genius's but became so by their own individual will & effort. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 23 Jan'y [1856] Dr. Solger lectured upon the Sphere of woman. "For the Home & not the Forum!" J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Jan'y 16, 1856 E. P. Whipple Esq. of Boston lectured upon Joan of Arc—a noble lecture upon a noble theme. (The above lecturers [were] paid fifteen dollars each.) J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Jan'y 30. 1856 Hon. Simon Brown lectured upon Agriculture, giving many valuable & practical facts and suggestions—and all gratuitously. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve, Feby 6, 1856 Dr. Joseph Reynolds gave a gratuitous lecture, showing the great improvements in the arts & sciences of the present day over the past. John Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve Feby 20, 1856 R. W. Emerson read a gratuitous lecture upon Stonehenge (Ruins of a Druidical Temple in England), prefacing it with a notice of Carlyle. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday March 5, 1856 Senor [Guglielmo Gajani] of Rome gave a highly interesting Lecture, detailing the history of the Republican movement & disastrous result in Rome in 1848. N.B. Paid by subscription, especially solicited. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday eve March 12, 1856 Notice of the same having been given at the last Lecture, the members of the Lyceum met at the Centre School Room for the purpose of organizing for the next season. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and Dr. Reynolds was chosen Moderator. Before balloting for the officers, a discussion was had in regard to the comparative merits of the subscription & the Ticket system. It being quite apparent that the former had not been equal to sustaining the Lyceum the past season, and as it was known that the latter was generally adopted and with entire success in most other towns, it was voted nearly unanimously to adopt the Ticket System. A committee of three was then appointed by nomination to retire & report a list of officers. The following list was reported and subsequently elected. For President, Hon. E. R. Hoar. For Vice Presidents, Hon. Simon Brown, Dr. Joseph Reynolds. For Curators, R. W. Emerson, Addison G. Fay, George M. Brooks. For Secretary, John Brown Jr. For Treasurer, Albert Stacy. Voted, That the Curators be authorized to arrange the prices and the general details of the plan. Adj'd. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve. Dec 3, 1856 The Lyceum was called to order by Vice Pres^t Dr. Reynolds who congratulated the Lyceum upon the return of the season of so much social and intellectual enjoyment. He introduced as the first Lecturer of the season Rev. G. Washington Hosmer of Buffalo. The lecturer, after alluding to his interest in the town—"its hills and rivers seeming like old and familiar [sic] friends" and "to that pillar of our strength (the Hon. Sam'l Hoar) which had so recently fallen," announced as the subject of his lecture, Art, as more especially illustrated in a series of pictures entitled Coles Voyage of Life, which he particularly described and enlarged upon. John Brown Jr. Secy.

Thursday Eve Dec 11, 1856 E. P. Whipple of Boston lectured. Subject, Courage. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve 17 Dec. 1856 Ex Gov. Boutwell lectured upon Education. Lecture Free. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Friday Eve 26 Dec. 1856 Professor F. D. Huntington lectured. Subject, The Hand, the Head, the Heart.

Friday Eve Jany. 2, 1857 R. W. Emerson lectured. Subject, The Times: politics, preaching, bad boys, clean shirts &c &c.

Thursday Eve 8 Jany 1857 Arthur Gilman lectured. Subject, New England Wit & Humor—good stories well told.

Wednesday Eve Jany 14, 1857 Wendell Phillips lectured upon European Street life. Very pleasant & instructive.

Thursday Eve 29 Jany. [1857] Prof. Gajani, the "Roman Exile," lectured upon Dante.

Wednesday Eve Feby 4, [1857] Dr Joseph Reynolds lectured before the Lyceum upon the Science of Agriculture.

Friday Eve 13th Feby [18]57 George Sumner had just commenced a lecture upon France when the cry of "Fire" started up his audience, the flames from which, issuing from the Jos. Barrett house, could be seen from the Hall. The gentlemen generally withdrew, leaving a select audience of ladies, who were entertained with a fine lecture. (Note: The House was destroyed!) J. B. Jr.

Friday Eve. 27 Feb^y 1857 R. W. Emerson lectured. Subject: The days and the hours—one of his very best.

Wednesday 4th March, [1857] (Buchanan Inaugurated!) Theodore Parker lectured. Subject, America, its history, people, resources, capacities, & probable destiny. A bold, comprehensive, and masterly lecture.

Friday Eve Mar. 13th [18]57 Rev. Daniel Foster lectured.

Friday Mar. 20, 1857 Prof. Agassiz lectured upon the different forms of Animal Life.

April 15, [18]57 R. W. Emerson gave a lecture, the proceeds of which is to make up the deficiency in the Treasury.

The "Ticket System," which was adopted somewhat as an experiment, has proved quite as successful as was anticipated. Without any special effort to procure subscribers or dispose of Tickets. The very first Lecturers have been engaged and a full course of lectures of the highest order given, while all who have subscribed have felt that they were bearing their just proportion of the expense & have enjoyed the lectures, as they never have before, being as they have been so free from the disturbance of all former ones. J. B. Sec.

Concord, April 23^d 1857 The Lyceum met this eve at the High School Room and was called to order by the vice President, Dr. Reynolds. The Secretary read his report, and it was accepted. The Treasurer also read his report, which showed a deficit in the Treasury of Eleven 8/100 Dollars. It was accepted, and it was Voted, that the deficiency be paid from the proceeds of next seasons tickets with interest. J. S. Keyes, N. B. Stow & G. M. Brooks were nominated by the chair to retire and report a list of candidates to be balloted for, as the officers of the Lyceum for the ensuing year. They submitted the following names, and they were unanimously elected for those offices. President, Hon. E. R. Hoar; Vice Pres^{ts} George Heywood George Keyes; Curators, R. W. Emerson, Dr. J. Reynolds, F. B. Sanborn. Secy. J. Brown Jr. Treas^r Albert Stacy. Voted that the time for holding the Lectures be left with the Curators. Voted To adhere to the "Ticket System." Adjourned. John Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Dec 2, 1857 The first Lecture of the season was delivered by R. W. Emerson upon Walking. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Dec. 9th 1857 Rev. W. R. Alger lectured upon Chivalry. J. Brown Jr. Sec.

Thursday Eve Dec 17, 1857 Geo. W^m Curtis of New York lectured upon Sir Phillip Sidney. A very fine lecture and nobly delivered, received with marked applause—many from adjoining towns present. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Dec 23, 1857 Rev. Tho.^s T. Stone delivered the first of a course of Six Lectures upon English Language and Literature—to be given on successive Wednesday evenings. This "course" of lectures, although of a high order, has been something of a failure, the audience tiring of the same voice & subject, & demanding a variety & more popular style of lectures. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 27 Jany 1858 Before the lecture of the evening—the sixth & last of Rev. T. T. Stones course—it was announced that the money received for the sale of Tickets was expended, and it was Voted that as the Lecturer for the next evening was engaged, an admission fee of fifteen cents should be paid at the door. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Feby 3, 1858 Professor J. G. Hoyt of Exeter gave the most valuable lecture of the season, upon The signs of progress in education, to an audience of about fifty, the proposed fee not meeting with general favor among the season ticket holders. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Feby. 17, 1858 Geo S. Phillips of England lectured upon the Life and Poetry of Ebenezer Eliot, the Corn-law Rhymer. Previous to the lecture the "deficiency in the treasury" was discussed, and Col. Shattuck, Dr. Bartlett and Mr. Sanborn were chosen a committee to solicit subscriptions. J. B. Jr. Secy.

Thursday 25th Feby 1858 D. H. Thoreau lectured [on], or "told the story" of, his excursion into Maine last summer. Previous to the lecture, upon motion of Col. Shattuck, it was Voted that Dan'l Shattuck, Dr. Reynolds, A. Stacy, F. B. Sanborn & J. Brown Jr. be a committee to procure subscriptions for the coming season and to report by the first of August next. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Concord Nov. 3, 1858 The subscribers to the Lyceum met in the High School Room, organized by the choice of A. G. Fay as chairman, & A. Stacy as temporary Secretary. Reports of Secretary & Treasurer of last year were submitted & accepted. A committee of three was nominated by the chair to retire & report a list of candidates to be voted for as the officers of the coming season. The following list after considerable urging was declared elected. For President, Ozias Morse. For Vice Presidents, Joseph D. Brown, N. Henry Warren. For Curators, L. A. Surette, ~~N. D. Stowe, Simon Brown~~. For Secretary, John Brown, Jr. For Treasurer, Albert Stacy. The meeting was then dissolved. J. Brown Jr. Secy. Season Tickets. Gentleman 1.00 Ladies .75 Boys 75 Single 15c.

Wednesday Dec^r 1, 1858 Rev. Mr. Alger was announced to deliver the first lecture, but missed the Cars and did not appear. In this dilemma Dr. Bartlett, Mr. Emerson and D. H. Thoreau were severally call'd upon to "fill the gap." The others declining, Dr. Bartlett kindly consented to read his lecture upon the Regicides. J. Brown Jr.

Wednesday eve Dec. 8, [18]58 The second lecture of the season was delivered by E. P. Whipple. Subject, Young Men in History. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve Dec. 15, [18]58 The third lecture of the course was delivered by Daniel N. Haskell. Subject, Books & Book Making. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve 22 Dec. [18]58 The fourth lecture of the season was delivered by George S. Hillard. Subject, Books and Reading. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve 29 Dec. 1858 The fifth lecture before the Lyceum was delivered by George Sumner Esq. Subject, Spain (and a noble lecture it was!). J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Eve, Jan'y 5, 1859 The Sixth Lecture was given by Josiah Quincy Jr.
Subject: Lafayette. J. B. Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 12 Jan'y. [18]59 The seventh lecture was by Prof. J. G. Hoyt of Exeter upon Superstition &c. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 19 Jan'y [18]59 The eighth lecture before the Lyceum was given by Rev. Thos Hill of Waltham. Sub[ject]: Wonders of the Solar System. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 26 Jan'y 1859 The ninth lecture was by Rev. Mr. Algier of Boston upon the philosophy of Ennui. J. B. Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Feby 2, 1859 The tenth lecture before the Lyceum was given by Rev. Grindall Reynolds of this town upon Rajah Brooke, the hero of Borneo. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday Feby 9, 1859 The eleventh lecture of the course was by R. W. Emerson upon the Law of Success. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Thursday Eve 17 Feby. 1859 Rev. Sam'l Johnson of Salem lectured. J. Brown Jr.

Wednesday 23^d Feby 1859 Mr. F. B. Sanborn of this town read his Poem entitled America. J. B. Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 2^d March [18]59 Mr. D. H. Thoreau gave the fourteenth lecture before the Lyceum. Subject: Autumn Tints. J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 9 March [18]59 Mr. James R. Nichols of Boston gave a lecture upon the Chemistry of Light & kindred subjects, with many pleasing experiments including his "water light." J. Brown Jr. Secy.

Wednesday 16th March 1859 Upon calling the Lyceum to order, the President read a Statement of the moneys received & paid out, showing that after paying the expenses of the Lyceum the current year, amounting to over two hundred & Thirty Eight dollars, and a small balance of last years indebtedness, there was a balance in the treasury of ninety one cents. Dr. Bartlett then stated to the Lyceum that our success was mainly due to one individual, Mr. Loring A. Surette, and proposed a vote of thanks to him, the sole acting Curator. Before his motion was put, J. Brown Jr. proposed the following Resolve as a substitute, which was accepted and passed unanimously. "Resolved, That the thanks of the Lyceum are due and are hereby tendered to their very efficient Curator (Mr. L. A. Surette) for the extended and uninterrupted course of very entertaining & highly instructive Lectures which he has procured for us. —To the presiding officer (Mr. Ozius Morse) for the prompt, dignified & very satisfactory manner with which he has discharged the duties of the chair, — and to those Townsmen who have so generously contributed to the success of the Lyceum by giving their valuable lectures gratuitously." The President responded in a few well chosen words and then introduced as the Lecturer of the evening Parker Pillsbury, who discoursed quite acceptably upon the French Revolution.

[Here ends volume one of the Lyceum Minutes, in the last two pages of which are pencilled notes by Thoreau and others—some irrecoverable.]

[The new volume opens with the minutes of September 17, 1859, only the first 88 pages of which will be edited here. For the period following Emerson's active participation, the reader should consult the manuscript in Concord.]

[Apparently the
draft of a
notice for
the
newspaper]

————CONCORD LYCEUM.————

The members and friends of the Lyceum
are requested to meet at the

High School Room

on Saturday evening, Sept. 24th, for the pur-
pose of choosing [sic] officers, and making
arrangements for the coming season.

Per Order. (Signed) John Brown Jr. SecY
Concord, Sept 17th 1859.

Concord, Sept. 24th 1859 In accordance with the call on the preceding page,
a meeting was held this evening in the High School Room, when Dr. Josiah Bartlett
was appointed chairman and N. Henry Warren [was appointed] secretary. Voted,
that the Lyceum proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year. The fol-
lowing persons were chosen: Rev. G. Reynolds, President. George M. Brooks Sam.
Staples, Vice [Presidents]. Albert Tolman, Secretary. Albert Stacy, Treasurer.
Louis A. Surette, Curator. Adjourned. Albert Tolman, Secy.

Concord, Nov. 30th 1859. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by George
Sumner, Esq. of Boston. Subject, Russia.

Concord, Dec. 7th 1859 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. W^m.
R. Alger, of Boston. Subject, The Experiment of Life.

Concord, Dec. 14th 1859. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Mrs.
Caroline H. Dall, of Boston. Subject, Lives of Noted Women.

Concord, Dec. 21st 1859 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by
R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Subject, Manners.

Concord, Dec. 28th 1859. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev.
Dr. Stebbins, of Woburn. Subject, The Law of Human Progress.

Concord, Jan'y 4th 1860. A Poem was read before the Lyceum by Samuel Ripley
Bartlett, of Concord. Subject, Concord Fight.

Concord, Jan'y 18th 1860 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev.
Ezra S. Gannet, D.D. of Boston. Subject, Manners.

Concord, Jan'y 25th 1860 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev.
T. W. Higginson, of Worcester. Subject, Barbarism and Civilization.

Concord, Feby 1st 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Hon.
Josiah Quincy Jr. of Boston. Subject, The Mormons and their Prophet.

Concord, Feby 8th 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Henry
D. Thoreau, of Concord. Subject, Wild Apples.

Concord, Feby 15th 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Edwin
P. Whipple, Esq. of Boston. Subject, Grit.

Concord, Feby 22^d 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by B. C.
Clark, Esq. of Boston. Subject, Hayti, and its Relations to England, France and
the United States.

Concord, Feby 29th 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev.
A. L. Stone, of Boston. Subject, At Home and Abroad.

Concord, Mch 7, 1860. An Essay was read before the Lyceum by William Leigh-

ton, Jr. of Concord. Subject, Change.

Concord, Mch 14, 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Subject, Conversation and Clubs.

Concord, Mch 21, 1860. The closing Lecture of the Season was delivered before the Lyceum by Frank B. Sanborn, of Concord. Subject, Calvin and Cromwell. Albert Tolman, Secretary.

Concord, Sept. 10, 1860. A meeting of the Lyceum was held at the Intermediate School Room. Col. Danl. Shattuck was chosen chairman. A. Tolman was appointed Secretary. Voted, that the Lyceum proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year. The following persons were chosen. Rev. G. Reynolds, President. George M. Brooks, N. Henry Warren Vice [Presidents]. L. A. Surette, Curator. Albert Tolman, Secretary. Albert Stacy, Treasurer. On motion of the Secy it was Voted: that the Volume containing the past records of the Lyceum be deposited with the Town Records, should no objection be made. Adjourned. A. Tolman, Sec'y.

Concord, Nov 7, 1860 The opening lecture of the season was delivered before the Lyceum this evening by Charles Sumner of Boston. Subject, La Fayette.

Concord, Nov. 14, 1860. In place of the regular lecture, an Exhibition of the Stereoma was given before the Lyceum this evening, embracing views of scenery and celebrated buildings in this country and Europe. This exhibition was repeated on Thursday evening (15th), and again on Friday evening, the last exhibition being given to the children.

Concord, Nov. 21, 1860 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by E. P. Whipple, of Boston. Subject, Shakespeare.

Concord, Nov 28, 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Subject, Classes of Men.

Concord, Dec 5, 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. A. L. Stone, of Boston. Subject, New England Homes.

Concord, Dec 12, 1860. Miss Angela Starr King, of Charlestown, gave Readings before the Lyceum, consisting of selections from Dramas and Poems.

Concord, Dec 19, 1860 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Wendell Phillips of Boston. Subject, Toussant L'Ouverture.

Concord, Dec 26, 1860. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Alonzo Tripp, of Roxbury. Subject, Napoleon 3^d.

Concord, Jan'y 2, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Mr. Nute, of Medford. Subject, Frontier Life.

Concord, Jan'y 9, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. W^m R. Alger, of Boston. Subject, Origin and Use of Poetry.

Concord, Jan'y 16, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by R. C. Clark, of Boston. Subject, The Sea and the Seashore.

Concord, Jan'y 23, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. T. W. Higginson, of Worcester. Subject, American Aristocracy.

Concord, Jan'y 30, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Henry Giles, of Boston. Subject, Temper.

Concord, Feb'y 6, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. Rollin H. Neale, of Boston. Subject, Soul Liberty.

Concord, Feby 13, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by W.^m Leighton, Jr., of East Cambridge. Subject, Labor.

Concord, Feby 27, 1861. A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Frank B. Sanborn, of Concord. Subject, Hayti.

Concord, Mch 6, 1861 A Lecture was delivered before the Lyceum by Rev. Dr. Stebbins, of Woburn. Subject, Right.

Concord, Mch 14, 1861. The closing entertainment of the season was a Concert by the Mendelsohn Quintette Club. At this meeting the Lyceum passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the curator for the very acceptable manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. Albert Tolman, Secretary.

Concord, Aug. [] 1861 A Meeting of the Concord Lyceum was held this evening for the choice of Officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of Louis A. Surette, President & Curator. Albert Stacy, Treasurer. Albert Tolman, Secretary. There being no other business, the meeting was the[n] adjourned. Albert Tolman, Secy.

The Lectures of the course for 1861 & 2 were delivered in the following order.

George W. ^m Curtis,	of New York	
Rev. A. L. Stone	"	Boston
Miss A. S. King	"	Charlestown (readings)
T. W. Higginson	"	Worcester
Dr. R. H. Neal	"	Boston
Rev. W. ^m R. Alger	"	"
R..W. Emerson	"	Concord
R. W. Emerson	"	"
Henry Giles	"	Boston
Mendelssohn Quintette Club		(Concert)
Dr. Stebbins	of Woburn.	Albert Tolman, Secy.

Concord, Feby 15, 1862 A meeting of the members of Concord Lyceum was held this evening, and George M. Brooks was chosen Chairman, and A. Tolman, Sec'y Pro tem. A Stacy, Treasurer, read a report of the items of receipts and expenses, which was accepted. On motion of E. W. Bull, a vote of thanks to Louis A. Surette was passed unanimously. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and resulted in the choice of Louis A. Surette, President & Curator. Albert Tolman, Secretary. Albert Stacy, Treasurer. No other business coming before the meeting, it was then adjourned. Albert Tolman Sec'y.

The Lectures of the course for 1862 & 63 were delivered in the following order.

Nov. 19, 1862.	George W. ^m Curtis, of New York.	<u>American Doctrine of Liberty.</u>
Nov. 26, 1862.	R. W. Emerson, of Concord.	<u>Progressive Forces.</u>
Dec. 3, 1862.	George B. Cheever, of New York.	<u>Moral & Martial in Crushing the Rebellion.</u>
Dec. 10, 1862.	John F.W. Ware, of Cambridge.	<u>The Charities of the War.</u>
Dec. 17, 1862.	Henry Ward Beecher, of New York.	<u>Education of the Citizen.</u>
Dec. 24, 1862.	M. D. Conway, of Concord.	<u>The Nation's Equinox.</u>

- Dec. 31, 1862. Chas. R. Smith, of Concord. First Principles.
- Jan. 7, 1863. Miss [Emily] Shaw, of Nantucket. Select Readings.
- Jan. 14, 1863. Grindall Reynolds, of Concord. English Naval and Colonial Power.
- Jan. 21, 1863. Frank B. Sanborn, of Concord. Lessons of the War.
- Jan. 28, 1863. Rollin H. Neale, of Boston. American Patriotism.
- Feb. 4, 1863. Dr. Thos. Hill, of Harvard College. Political Economy, a Science for the People.

Albert Tolman, Sec^y.

Concord, Aug. 2, 1863. A meeting of the members of Concord Lyceum was held this evening, George M. Brooks being chosen Chairman, and Nathan B. Stow Secretary pro tem. The report of the Treasurer was read by A. Stacy, and accepted. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and the following persons were chosen. Louis A. Surette, President & Curator. Albert Stacy, Treasurer. Albert Tolman, Secretary. No other business coming before the meeting, it was then adjourned. Albert Tolman, Sec'y.

The Lectures of the course for 1863 & '64 were delivered in the following order.

- Nov. 17,* '63. George W.^m Curtis, of New York. The Way of Peace.
- Nov. 27, '63. George S. Boutwell, of Groton. The Policy of Emancipation.
- Dec. 2, '63. Rollin H. Neale, of Boston. Living for the Present.
- Dec. 9, '63. Samuel Ripley Bartlett, of Concord. Good out of Evil. A Lesson of the War.
- Dec. 16, '63. Ralph Waldo Emerson, of Concord. The Fortune of the Republic.
- Dec. 30, '63. Rev. Mr. Walker, of Boston. The Glory of Young Men.
- Jan. 6, '64. A. L. Stone, of Boston. Campaign Life.
- Jan. 27, '64. N. S. Folsom, of Concord. The Beautiful in Nature, Art, & Character.
- Feb. 4, '64. George H. Hepworth, of Boston. The Times and its Tendencies.
- Feb. 18, '64. E. H. Chapin, of New York. Europe & America.
- Feb. 24, '64. Dr. Thomas Hill, of Harvard College. Scientific Amusements.
- March 9, '64. Grindall Reynolds, of Concord. Mexico.

Albert Tolman, Sec^y.

Concord Sept 10, 1864. A meeting of the members of Concord Lyceum was held this evening at the High School Room. Rev. G. Reynolds being chosen Chairman and Albert Tolman Secretary, Mr. Surette read the report of the Treasurer for the last year, and it was accepted. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and the following persons were chosen. Louis A. Surette, President and Curator, Albert Stacy Treasurer, Albert Tolman Secretary. The meeting then adjourned. Louis A. Surette pro A. Tolman Sec'y.

1864, Dec. 15. Ralph Waldo Emerson, of Concord. Subject, Resources. Attendance 234.

* The numbers "16" and "17" are written together.

- 1864, Dec. 21. C. C. Coffin, of Boston. Subject, The New Heroic Age. Attendance 78.
- 1864, Dec. 28. Henry James, of Boston. Subject, Carlisle. Attendance 181.
- 1865, January 4. Mrs. Van Benthaysen, of Tennessee. Subject, Southern Society. Attendance 189.
- 1865, Jany. 11. A. B. Alcott, of Concord. Subject, R. Waldo Emerson. Attendance 153.
- 1865, January 18. O. T. Walker, of Boston. Subject, The Middle Ages. Attendance 154.
- 1865, Jany 25. Samuel Hoar, of Concord. Subject, Military Experiences. Attendance 242.
- 1865, Feb. 1. F. B. Sanborn, of Concord. Subject, Our Prisons. Attendance 168.
- 1865, Feb. 8. T. W. Higginson, of Newport. Subject, The Freedmen of S. Carolina. Attendance 200.
- 1865, Feb. 15. Geo. W. Curtis, of New York. Subject, Political Infidelity. Attendance 265.
- 1865, Feb. 22. Jonathan F. Barrett, of Concord. Subject, The Teeth of Some Current Prejudices extracted without Pain. Attendance 191.
- 1865, March 1. No lecture.
- 1865, March 8. Rev^d G. Reynolds, of Concord. Subject, Saints who have had bodies. Attendance 135.
- 1865, March 15. Dr. Joseph Reynolds, of Concord. Subject, Washington Irving. Attendance 105.
- 1865, March 22. No lecture.
- 1865, March 29. Wendell Phillips, of Boston. Subject. The Country—Next Step. Attendance 273.

Concord, Sep. [] 1865. A Meeting of the Members of the Concord Lyceum was held this evening at the Town House. Rev. G. Reynolds was chosen Chairman. The Report of the Treasurer was read for the last year and it was accepted. The following were chosen Officers for the ensuing year: Louis A. Surette, President & Curator. Albert Stacy, Treas. & Sec'y. The Meeting then adjourned.

- 1865 Novem 22^d Geo. W. Curtis of New York. Subject, The Good Fight or the North Victorious.
- 1865 Novem 29th Col. T. W. Higginson. Subject, America, Greece and China.
- 1865 Dec 14th Rev. Geo. H. Hepworth.
- 1865 Dec 20th Rev. N. S. Folsom.
- 1865 Dec 27th Henry James.
- 1866 Jan 4th R. W. Emerson.
- 1866 Jan 10 Dr. Geo. B. Loring.
- 1866 Jan 17 Judge Russell.
- 1866 Jan 24th Dr. J. Reynolds.

1866 Jan 31 Lewis B. Monroe.
 1866 Feb 7 Rev. G. Reynolds.
 1866 Feb 14 Rev. J. M. Manning.
 1866 Feb 21 Wendell Phillips.
 1866 Feb 28 F. B. Sanborn

June 23^d 1866. A meeting of the members of the Concord Lyceum was held at the Selectmens room. E. C. Damon was chosen Chairman. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. The following Officers were chosen for the ensuing season. L. A. Surette, President & Curator. A. Stacy, Sec. & Treasurer. No other business coming before the meeting it was then adjourned. A. Stacy Sec.

The Lectures of the Course for 1866 & 7 were delivered in the following order:

Novem 21st Mendelssohn Quintette Club of Boston (Concert)
 Nov 28th Geo. W. Curtis, New York. Subject, Conservatism.
 Dec 6th James Freeman Clark, Boston. Subject, What For
 Dec 12th Rev. J. Manning, Boston. Subject, Sam^l Adams.
 Dec 19 Prof. Lewis B. Monroe, Boston. Subject, Elocution and Readings.
 Dec 26 John Q. A. Brackett, Cambridge. Subject, Political Ambition.
 1867
 Jan 2^d E. P. Whipple, Boston. Subject, Shoddy.
 Jan 8th Henry Vincent, England. Subject, The Late American Conflict.
 Jan 16th James R. Nichols, Boston. Subject, What Chemistry has accomplished for Agriculture.
 Jan 30th Rev. N. S. Folsom, Concord. Subject, The Moral Element in National Affairs.
 Feb 13 Dr. J. Reynolds, Concord. Subject, Scenes from a Whaling Voyage
 Feb 20th F. B. Sanborn, Concord. Subject, Speech made Visible.
 Mar 27th Rev. S. R. Calthrop, Roxbury. Subject, Units & Millions.
 April 10th R. W. Emerson, Concord. Subject, [].
 June 27th H. H. Lincoln, Boston. Readings.

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Sept. 14, 1867. At a meeting of the Members of Concord Lyceum, voted F. B. Sanborn President, Dr. Reynolds Curator, H. L. Whitcomb Sec. & Treasurer. Dr. Reynolds declined & Edward W. Emerson serves instead.

Nov. 22 The Lyceum Course was opened by a lecture from Wendell Phillips on The Times.
 Dec. 4 Josiah P. Quincy of Boston on Defects of Our Public Schools.
 Dec. 18 Edward Everett Hale, Northern Invasions.

- Jan. 1 [1868] W^m Denton, Geology.
- Jan. 8 " A. B. Alcott, Social Culture.
- Jan. 15 " R. W. Emerson, Eloquence.
- Jan. 22 " Chas. E. Norton, Thought in America.
- Jan. 29 " [] Skinner, Crete & the Cretan Revolution.
- Feb. 5 " Prof. Lewis B. Munroe, Elocution & Readings.
- Feb. 12 " William T. Brigham, Volcanoes.
- Feb. 19 " Rev. G. Reynolds, Abys[s]inia & The English Expedition.

Oct. 6, 1868. A meeting of the members of Concord Lyceum was held in the High School Room. The following officers were chosen for 1868 & 9: Rev. G. Reynolds, President. Edw. W. Emerson, Curator. H. J. Walcott, Ass't Curator. H. S. Whitcomb, Sec. & Treasurer.

The Lectures for the Course of 1868 & 69 were delivered in the following order:

- Novem. 12 [1868] Wendell Phillips, Daniel O'Connell, The Agitator.
- Novem. 19 " E. P. Whipple, Loafing & Laboring.
- December 2 " R. W. Emerson
- Dec. 9 " Rev. C. C. Shackford, Interpretations of Lyrical Poetry.
- Dec. 16 " Henry James, Prophecy of Women.
- Jan. 6 [1869] Rev. Geo. H. Hepworth, The Two Great Revolutions.
- Jan. 12 " Prof. Louis Agassiz, The Mountain.
- Jan. 27 " Rev. E. E. Hale, The Pacific & Its Shores.
- Feb. 10 " Concert.
- Feb. 24 " Rev. C. H. S. Williams, A Reading from Browning.
- Mar. 3 " Rev. N. S. Folsom, Covenanters of Scotland.

Sept. 18, 1869. A Meeting of the Members of the Concord Lyceum was held in the Selectmen's room in the Town Hall. The following officers were chosen for 1869 & 70: Rev. Grindall Reynolds, Pres. Edw. W. Emerson, Curator. H. L. Whitcomb, Sec. & Treas.

The Lectures for the Course of 1869 & 70 were delivered in the following order:

- Dec. 10 [1869] Geo. W. Curtis, Our National Folly.
- Dec. 15 " R. W. Emerson, Leasts & Mosts.
- Dec. 22 " Pelham W. Ames.
- Jan. 5 [1870] William Denton, Geology.
- Jan. 12 " William Denton, Geology.

- Jan. 19 [1870] Josiah P. Quincy, Comedy of the Boarding House.
 Jan. 26 " Rev. G. Reynolds, A Naval Hero of the 16th Century.
 Feb. 9 " Rev. C. H. S. Williams, Others.
 Feb. 23 " Wendell Philips, Questions of To-day.

The Lectures for the Course of 1870 & 71 were delivered in the following order:

- Nov. 2nd [1870] Col. T. W. Higginson, The Aristocracy of the Dollar.
 Nov. 9th " Rev. James Freeman Clarke, Personal Reminiscences of John A. Andrews.
 Nov. 16th " Hon. W^m Parsons, George Stephenson.
 Nov. 30th " Rev. D. A. Wasson, Scenes in an Emigrant Ship.
 Dec. 7th " W^m T. Brigham, Among the Palms.
 Dec. 16th " George William Curtis, Charles Dickens.
 Dec. 21st " Pelham W. Ames, The Chinese in California.
 Dec. 28th " Prof. Moses T. Brown, A Reading: The Christmas Carol.
 Jan. 4th [1871] R. W. Emerson.
 Jan. 11 " W^m H. Niles, An evening with the Microscope.

Jan. 11th 1871. Before the opening of the lecture by Pro. Niles, the house was called to order by the President and the following officers were chosen for the year ensuing: President, Samuel Hoar. Curator, Albert Tolman. Secretary and Treasurer, H. L. Whitcomb. There being a deficiency in the funds a subscription paper was opened and the ammount made up or nearly so. Also Voted that wee [sic] open a list and procure signers to a garentee fund.

The Lectures for the Course of 1871 & 1872 were delivered in the following order:

- Dec. 6 [1871] Rev. C. G. Ames, Six Years in California.
 Dec. 14 " E. P. Whipple.
 Dec. 20 " Mrs. Emily Shaw Forman, The humorous poetry of America.
 Dec. 29 " Prof. W^m H. Niles, The History of Coal.
 Jan. 2nd [1872] Rev. E. E. Hale.
 Jan. 10 " Rev. W^m H. Cudworth, War Life.
 Jan. 17 " James T. Fields, A Plea for Cheerfulness.
 Jan. 24 " Rev. Washington Gladden, Help Yourselves.
 Jan. 31 " Mrs. Louise W. Foss, Selections from Shakespear and other Authors.
 Feb. 7th " R. W. Emerson.

Feb. 7th 1872. Before the opening of the Lecture by Mr. Emerson, the house was called to order by the President, and the following officers were chosen for

the year ensuing. President, Samuel Hoar. Curator, Albert Tolman. Secretary and Treasurer, H. L. Whitcomb. Adjourned. H. W. Whitcomb, Secy.

The Lectures for the Course of 1872 & 1873 were delivered in the following order:

- Dec. 4 [1872] Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, What Shall we do with our daughters?
 Dec. 11 " Mr. James T. Fields, Masters of the Situation.
 Dec. 20 " Mr. George William Curtis.
 Jan. 1 [1873] Rev. Charles G. Ames, American Problems.
 Jan. 15 " Rev. J. O. Peck, Young Blood.
 Jan. 22 " Prof. W. H. Niles, Alpine Scenery.
 Jan. [29?] " Prof. W. H. Niles, Alpine Scenery.
 Feb. 5 " Mrs. Louisa W. Foss, Reading.
 Feb. 12 " Benj. P. Mann, Insects.
 Feb. 19 " E. E. Hale.

Concord Feb. 19, 1873. Before the lecture by Mr. Hale the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. President, Samuel Hoar. Curator, Albert Tolman. Secretary and Treasurer, H. L. Whitcomb. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

The Lectures for the Course of 1873 & 1874 were delivered in the following order:

- Dec. 3 [1873] Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, The Battle of Money.
 Dec. 10 " Dr. Isaac I. Hayes, Arctic Discovery.
 Dec. 17 " Hon. W^m Parsons, Christopher Columbus.
 Jan. 1 [1874] Blacks Ster[e]opticon.
 Jan. 8 " Wendell Phillips, Lost Arts.
 Jan. 21 " W^m R. Emerson, Three Famous Men.
 Jan. 28 " Prof. W^m C. Niles, Coral and Coral Islands.
 Feb. 4 " H. G. Spaulding, Walks in Rome.
 Feb. 11 " Mendelssohn Club.

Feb. 11th 1874. Before the opening of the Lecture this evening the house was called to order by the President and the following officers chosen for the year ensuing. President, Sam^l Hoar. Curator, Albert Tolman. Secretary & Treasurer, H. L. Whitcomb. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Secy.

The Lectures for the Course of 1874 & 1875 were delivered in the following order:

- Nov. 25 [1874] Mary A. Livermore, Concerning Husbands.
 Dec. 9 " Mendelssohn Quintette Club.

- Dec. 16 [1874] Gilbert Haven, Grit.
- Dec. 23 " Rev. W. R. Wright, Story and Stories of Christmas.
- Dec. 30 " W^m H. Niles, Weather Probabilities.
- Jan. 6 [1875] J. P. Putnam, Miracle Plays.
- Jan. 13 " Rev. Mr. Gorden.
- Jan. 20 " Rev. E. E. Hale, In his Name.
- Jan. 27 " W. W. Wheildon, Natural History of the Labater [sic].
- Feb. 10 " R. W. Emerson.
- Feb. 17 " I. I. Hay[e]s, Iceland and the Northmen.
- Feb. 24 " Rev. J. H. Hertzell, Enthusiasm of Genius.

March 11th 1875 At a meeting called for the purpose, Dr. E. W. Emerson and A. P. Chamberlain were chosen Curators of the Lyceum for the year ensuing and H. L. Whitcomb, sect. and Treas. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

The Lectures for the Course of 1875 and 1876 were delivered in the following order:

- Dec. 8 [1875] Col. T. W. Higginson, of Newport. The Place of Literature in the Republic.
- Dec. 15 " Luigi Manti, late of Palermo. Brigands & Brigandage in Naples & Sicily.
- Dec. 22 " Prof. E. C. Pickering, of Boston. The Spectroscope. Illustrated.
- Jan. 5 [1876] G. F. Emmons, The Volcanoes of the Pacific Coast.
- Jan. 12 " Rev. M. D. Conway, London.
- Jan. 19 " Mrs. Lucy Stone, Winning her Way.
- Jan. 26 " Geo. W. Minns, of Concord. The Siege of Boston.
- Feb. 2 " Prof. W^m R. Ware, of Boston. Architecture.
- Feb. 10 " Prof. Chas. E. Norton, of Cambridge. Turner the Painter.
- Feb. 16 " W^m R. Emerson, The Mechanic of 1775 & the Mechanic of 1875.
- Feb. 23 " Prof. N. S. Shaler, of Cambridge. The Last Glacial Period of North America.
- Mar. 1 " R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Boston.

October [] 1876. At a meeting called for the purpose C. H. Walcott and J. C. Melvin were chosen Curators and H. L. Whitcomb, Sect. and Treas. for the year ensuing. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

The Lectures for the Course of 1876 and 1877 were delivered in the following order:

- Dec. 5 [1876] Temple Quartette, of Boston. Vocal Concert.
- Dec. 13 " Rev. G. W. Hosmer, of Newton. The Full Life.

- Dec. 20 [1876] Geo. W. Minns, of Concord. The Wonders of the Ocean.
- Dec. 27 " Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, of Boston. The New West & Its Problems.
- Jan. 2 [1877] Hyers Sisters, of Boston. Vocal Concert.
- Jan. 10 " Prof. Edward S. Morse, of Salem. The Wonders of Growth in Animals.
- Jan. 17 " Black's Stereopticon.
- Jan. 31 " Rev. G. Reynolds, of Concord. The Shays Rebellion.
- Feb. 7 " Hon. W^m Parsons, of Dublin, Irel'd. Michael Angelo.
- Feb. 14 " R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Natural Forces.
- Feb. 21 " Concord Dramatic Club.
- Feb. 28 " Miss G. E. Cayvan, of Boston. Select Readings.

February 28th 1877. Before the Lecture by Miss Cayvan the house was called to order and the following officers chosen for the year ensuing. Curators: C. H. Walcott and Jas. C. Melvin. Secy. and Treas.: H. L. Whitcomb. Voted: That the thanks of the ticket holders are due to Messrs. Chas. H. Walcott and Jas. C. Melvin for the very satisfactory series of lectures and entertainments they have presented this season. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

The Lectures and Entertainments during the Season of 1877-1878 have been as follows:

- Dec. 6 [1877] Concert by the Temple Quartette, of Boston, accompanied by Mrs. E. Humphrey Allen, Soprano.
- Dec. 12 " Lecture by Mrs. M. A. Livermore, of Melrose. Subject: The Coming Man.
- Dec. 19 " Lecture by Prof. Benj. W. Putnam, of Boston. Subject: The Potter's Wheel and its Products. The lecturer exhibited different kinds of pottery and was accompanied by a practical potter who made jars, jugs, vases &c. on the platform before the audience.
- Dec. 26 " Reading by Miss Georgia E. Cayvan, of Boston.
- Jan. 9 [1878] Concert (Instrumental) by the Mendelssohn Quintette Club, of Boston. 6 pieces.
- Jan. 23 " Lecture by Rev. Grindall Reynolds, of Concord. Subject: Episodes of the Revolutionary Campaigns in the North.
- Jan. 30 " Lecture by Rev. E. C. Bolles, of Salem. Subject: A May trip through England. This lecture was illustrated with the Stereopticon.
- Feb. 6 " Lecture by Mr. R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Subject: Fortune of the Republic.
- Feb. 13 " Lecture by Prof. Edward S. Morse, of Salem. Subject: Japan and the Japanese. The subject announced, From Monad to Man, was changed to that given above at the request of Prof. Morse and without objection from the audience.
- Feb. 20 " Vocal Concert by the Barnabee Concert Company, of Boston, consisting of a quartette with accompanist, and Mr. R. Shuebruh, cornet soloist.

Feb. 27 [1878] Lecture by Mr. W^m Parsons, of Dublin, Irel'd. Subject: Old Homer, Troy and Dr. Schlieman.

Mar. 6 " Extra Lecture by Mr. Iran Panin, a native of Russia, now resident in Concord. Subject: Russia.

March 6th 1878. At a meeting of the Lyceum held this evening, before the lecture by Mr. Panin, for the transaction of business, the report of the Treasurer was read and accepted, and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing season. Charles H. Walcott James C. Melvin Curators. Henry L. Whitcomb, Secy & Treasurer. Voted: that the thanks of the Lyceum are due to Messrs. Emerson and Reynolds for the valuable lectures gratuitously contributed by them during the last season. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Dec. 4, 1878. The Lyceum listened this evening to a Vocal Concert given by the Schubert Concert Company of Boston. Consisting of twelve male voices and a leader. The audience numbered about three hundred and eighty. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Dec. 11, 1878. The Lyceum listened this evening to a Lecture by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, of Melrose. Subject: Beyond the Seas, in which the lecturer gave us some of the results of her observations during her trip to Europe last Summer. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Dec. 18, 1878. The Lyceum met and listened to a Lecture by Prof. William H. Niles, of Cambridge. Subject: Holland and Its People. The lecture was illustrated by a series of oil paintings representing views of the country and the inhabitants. It was announced that next Wednesday being Christmas there would be no lecture. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Jan'y 1st 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to Readings and Recitations by Miss Nella F. Brown, of Boston. Programme:

Scene from Henry V.	Shakespeare
A very naughty little Girl's Views of Life	—
Her Letter	Bret Harte
A Royal Princess	Rossetti
The Deacon's Confusion	Emerson
Good Night, Papa	Anon.
How the old horse won the bet	Holmes

Notice was given of the postponement of Mr. Stoddard's lecture announced for next week, but deferred in order that there may be an observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Lyceum next Tuesday. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Tues. Jan. 7, 1879. An audience of about four hundred assembled this evening to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Lyceum. No tickets were sold for the evening, but the floor of the Hall was reserved for the members until half-past seven o'clock; after that, admission was free to all. Special invitations were sent to the surviving original members. While the audience was assembling and in the interval between the addresses, music was furnished by an orchestra from Carter's Band, of Boston. The meeting was called to order by Hon. E. R. Hoar, who spoke eloquently and with feeling of his recollections of the founders of the Lyceum and the early lecturers. After music by the band, Judge Hoar introduced Mr. Charles H. Walcott, who read an Address on the Origin and Growth of the Lyceum. At the conclusion of the address the Chairman put, and declared carried, a motion that the Lyceum be continued for another period of fifty years. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Jan. 15, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a stirring account by Major General Judson Kilpatrick of Sherman's March to the Sea. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Jan. 22, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a lecture by Mr. James Parton. Subject: The Coming Man's Religion. (Most of the audience were shocked.) H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Jan. 29, 1879. Dr. Hayes having cancelled his engagements for the season, the Lyceum had the pleasure of listening to a lecture this evening by Col. Homer B. Sprague, of Boston. Subject, John Milton. H. L. Whitcomb, Secy.

Town Hall, Concord, Feb'y 5, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a very instructive lecture by Mr. Farrington McIntire, of Boston. Subject: The Solar System. The lecture was profusely illustrated by the Stereopticon, representing views and diagrams of the heavenly bodies and their motions. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary. Note. Immediately before Col. Sprague's lecture, last week, a petition was read with a request for signatures, the object of which was to prevent the cutting of the large hemlocks on North Branch near Egg Rock which were threatened by the contractors who are building the extension of the Middlesex Central Railroad. The next morning, Thursday, the trees were cut down, much to the regret of many citizens.

Town Hall, Concord, Feby 12, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a Concert by the Barnabee Concert Company, of Boston, consisting of Mrs. H. E. H. Carter, Soprano, Miss Anna C. Holbrook, contralto, Mr. J. C. Bartlett, tenor, Mr. H. C. Barnabee, basso, Mr. R. Shuebruk, cornet soloist, Mr. Howard M. Dow, pianist. The audience numbered about 500. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Feb'y 19, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to the Reading of Selections from the writings of Shakspeare and other authors by Mr. George Riddle, of Cambridge, Instructor in Elocution in Harvard College. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Feb'y 26, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a lecture by Mr. John L. Stoddard, of Boston. Subject: Up the Rhine and Among the Alps. The lecture was illustrated by a powerful Stereopticon of double camera, which produced the effect of one picture dissolving into another. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, March 5, 1879. The Lyceum listened this evening to a lecture by Mr. R. W. Emerson. Subject: Memory. The beginning of the lecture was delayed by the discovery of a fire, early in the evening, in the northwest corner of the Court House. In consequence of the delay, the business meeting announced to take place this evening was postponed to Wednesday of next week. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, March 12, 1879. The Lyceum met, pursuant to notice given, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the Treasurer and Curators and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Hon. E. R. Hoar was chosen to preside. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Curators then presented the following report which was accepted and placed on file. "The Curators are glad to be able to congratulate the members of the Lyceum on another successful course. The receipts during the season which has just closed have been larger than ever before in the history of the Lyceum, amounting to \$874.60. The expenses have been \$818.46, leaving a clear balance of \$56.14 to be added to the surplus fund. The expenses attendant upon the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary were exceptional, and in addition to what was contemplated when the course was arranged. The Curators have planned no further than to make each course pay for itself, but a surplus has remained in the Treasurer's hands at the end of each of the last three seasons: in 1877, \$120.09; in 1878, \$72.00; in 1879, \$56.14. These sums are on interest in the Middlesex Institution for Savings, deposited in the name of the Treasurer, and, with the accrued interest, now amount to \$260.63—a sum that will prove an effective reserve force for succeeding managers. In the last three seasons the number of season tickets sold has been, respectively, 318, 352, and 377. The management during this period has been in some degree experimental, aiming to provide not only a variety of instruction on scientific, historical and literary subjects and upon the topics of the times, but also entertainment of a high order. No pains have been taken to ascertain in advance what a lecturer believed, but rather what he knew, or had done, to make it appear worth our while

to listen to him. Whatever may be the opinion entertained of the success of their management, the Curators may be allowed to say that the visible results have surpassed anything that was anticipated. Not only is the Lyceum enjoying financial prosperity, and, therefore, the ability to procure the best talent in the lecture field, but, from an intellectual point of view, it is believed that the people of our town have gained new vigor of thought with the increased vitality of this institution, and will insist upon keeping this platform fearlessly free and independent of every narrowing influence. In this way only can the Lyceum continue to influence this community for good as it has already done for fifty years. Personally the Curators are happy to acknowledge the generous consideration which has been bestowed upon their efforts. They have encountered some adverse criticism as unmerited as the praise, but that was to be expected. To have been in any measure successful in ministering to the pleasure and well-being of a community for which they have so great an affection is sufficient reward for the time and labor spent.

Concord, March 12, 1879. Charles H. Walcott
James C. Melvin Curators."

On motion of Rev. Mr. Reynolds, it was Voted, that the thanks of the Lyceum are due to the Curators for the exceedingly valuable services that they have rendered. On motion of Mr. W. S. Blanchard the present officers were unanimously re-elected, but Messrs. Walcott and Melvin declined to serve, and Mr. George A. King and Mr. Frederick W. Griffin were subsequently elected. On motion of Mr. C. H. Walcott it was Voted, that a committee of four, to be nominated by the chairman, be chosen to consider what changes in the Constitution and By-laws are expedient, and report at the business meeting to be held at the end of the next season. The following were appointed as that committee: Charles H. Walcott, James C. Melvin, George A. King, & Frederick W. Griffin. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary. Note. The first volume of Records of the Lyceum was deposited Mar. 11, 1879, with the Concord Free Public Library, for safe keeping, to be open to the inspection of the public under the regulations of the Library, but to remain the property of the Lyceum. The first volume of the Treasurer's Records have also been deposited in the same place under the same regulations.

Concord, April 23rd 1879. Mr. George A. King, having declined to serve as one of the Curators, a meeting was called for the purpose of filling the vacancy and for the transaction of any other business that should properly come before the meeting. W. S. Blanchard was chosen to preside. W. S. Blanchard was chosen Curator to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Mr. Geo. A. King. W. S. Blanchard was also added to the committee on the Constitution and By-laws. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Friday, Dec. 5, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a Concert by the Schubert Concert Co. A very large audience was present. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 10, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to Readings by Prof. J. W. Churchill, of Andover, Mass. A very large audience was present and each selection was received with loud applause. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 17, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a very instructive lecture by Adams Ayer, Esq., of Boston, upon London and Excursions Around. The lecture, which was descriptive of scenes in and about London, was illustrated by the stereopticon. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 31, 1879. The Lyceum met and listened to a lecture by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, of Melrose. Subject, Superfluous Women. Notwithstanding the prevalence of a very severe snow-storm, the Hall was well filled. Mrs. Livermore paid an eloquent tribute to the character and usefulness of the so-called "superfluous women," describing their work in the hospitals during the war and the work of the "Sisters of Charity." H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 7, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to a very entertaining and instructive lecture upon the Electric Telegraph, illustrated by the stereopticon, and a large and expensive collection of electric apparatus, by Alfred P. Gage, of Boston. The various systems by which electricity is

practically applied to useful purposes were fully explained and illustrated. The fire-alarm system of Boston, the several methods of distributing time from an astronomical observatory, as adopted by different countries, the Atlantic cable in operation, the transmission of fac-similes of handwritings & pictures by telegraph, were a few of the topics which lent interest to the lecture. H. L. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 14, 1881. The Lyceum met and listened to a very entertaining lecture by Col. T. W. Higginson, of Cambridge, upon How to Read History. The lecturer urged the importance of learning the few things which interest, rather than a long array of chronological facts and statistics. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 21, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to a concert by the Mendellsohn [sic] Quintette Club, of Boston, assisted by Miss Fanny Kellogg, Soprano. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 28, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to an entertainment by the "Rivals" of Boston: Mr. Keach, Pianist; Miss Turner, Elocutionist; Mr. Sayward, Impersonator; Walter Emerson, Cornetist. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 4, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to a lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson: Historic Notes, Life, & Letters in Massachusetts. This was Mr. Emerson's 100th lecture before the Lyceum. A very large audience was present and, as Mr. Emerson advanced to the front of the platform, the audience rose en masse to receive him. Mr. Emerson read his lecture with a clearness and vigor remarkable, considering his advanced age. H. L. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 11, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to Readings by Miss Ida Perry Dawes, of Boston. The lady was a pleasing reader and met with a cordial reception from the audience. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 18, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to a very instructive lecture by Prof. W^m J. Marshall, of Fitchburg, upon The Yellowstone National Park. The lecture was illustrated by the Stereopticon. Prof. M. having lived upon the Pacific slope for 10 years was enabled to give a very graphic description of the country. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 25, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to a highly entertaining lecture by Gen. Judson Kilpatrick upon Scenes and Incidents in the War of the Rebellion. The vivid and startling description of battle-scenes by one who had been an active participant in them, was highly interesting. The speaker fairly carried his audience by storm and was frequently interrupted by a perfect storm of applause. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Wednesday Evening, Mar. 3, 1880. The Lyceum met and listened to a very entertaining lecture by Mr. Paul Wentworth, of Concord, upon the Pre-historic Races of the Southwest. This was an extra lecture. After the lecture, the Lyceum held its Annual Business Meeting. The Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Whitcomb, submitted his report, which showed the Lyceum to be in a highly satisfactory condition, financially. The Curators presented their report. H. L. Whitcomb was re-elected Treasurer and Secretary; Mess. Blanchard and Griffin were re-elected Curators. Samuel Hoar Esq. moved that a sufficient sum be taken from the Lyceum fund to put a new floor in to the Town Hall. The motion was lost. Adjourned. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

April 28, 1880. Due notice having been given, a meeting was held to hear the report of the committee chosen March 12th 1879, to consider what changes in the Constitution and By-laws are expedient. Meeting [was] called to order by the Chairman, and the following report submitted: "The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-laws of the Concord Lyceum, submit the following REPORT. Your committee have carefully examined the Constitution and By-laws

of the Society and find that in the number of officers and the duties assigned to them, in the provisions about membership, and in other particulars, our frame of government was designed for circumstances very different from the present. It is not surprising, therefore, that for a considerable period, as is shown by the records, the society has been gradually abandoning the original scheme which, undoubtedly, answered the purpose of the founders, but turned out to be not so well adapted to the wants and business methods of a new generation. So long as the Lyceum was supported wholly or in a considerable degree by voluntary subscriptions, a kind of hand to mouth existence, the form of the organization and a well-defined membership were, comparatively speaking, of little consequence, and accordingly such measures were adopted from time to time as seemed best calculated to further the immediate purposes of the Society. Thus serious departures were made from the letter of the Constitution and By-laws, which have become so sanctioned by practice that those venerable instruments, as our records present them, are practically obsolete. In considering what course is the best for the Society to take, your committee have been impressed by the large and increasing influence of the Lyceum in this community and the prospect of a successful career in the future. It should therefore assume a permanent form and one that may easily be kept alive. The treasury responds to larger annual demands than formerly and exhibits an increased surplus fund every year. In whom is vested the right to control the disposition of this accumulating property, is, to say the least, doubtful as the Society is now organized. Prudence demands that the ownership of this property and its application to the purposes of the Lyceum shall be put beyond a question. Therefore, after a full and careful consideration your Committee recommend the adoption by the Society of a corporate form under and by virtue of the statutes of the Commonwealth authorizing the formation of corporations for literary, educational, and scientific purposes. Respectfully submitted, Concord, April 28, 1880,

Charles H. Walcott

James C. Melvin

Geo. A. King

Frederick W. Griffin

Walter S. Blanchard

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Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted. On motion of Hon. E. R. Hoar, it was Voted, that Whereas the Concord Lyceum has been in operation for more than fifty years, and it is thought expedient that, for its more convenient and permanent management, and to enable it to hold property, it should assume a corporate organization, Voted, that the Curators be authorized and requested to take the necessary measures to organize it as a Corporation under the Statute of 1874, Chapter 375, by obtaining the association in writing of enough of its members for that purpose; and that the corporation thus organized shall have, take, and continue to hold the property of the Concord Lyceum. The meeting was then dissolved. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Dec. 2nd 1880 The following course of Lectures and entertainments have been arranged for the coming winter:

Town Hall, Concord, Dec. 2nd 1880. Lecture by Archibald Forbes, of London, correspondent of London Daily News. Subject: Royal People I have Met. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Dec. 8 [1880] A Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert by the Colored Ideal Musical Combination, consisting of the following persons: Marie Silska, Prima Donna, Sop.; Isabella Miles Taylor, Sopr.; Alice J. Minks, Cont.; Wallace King, Tenor; J. M. Waddy, Basso; Fred P. White, Pianist; Joseph R. Brandis, Violin; Samuel Lucas, Comedian; Sampson Williams, Baritone. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Dec. 15th [1880] Lecture by Prof. W. H. Niles, of Boston. Subject: Switzerland. Illust. by the Stereopticon. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

Town Hall, Concord, Jan. 5th 1881. Readings: by Prof. R. R. Raymond, Principal of the School of Oratory, Boston University. H. L. Whitcomb, Secretary.

LYCEUM RECORDS OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS

[Through the courtesy of its librarian, the following records of the Town Library, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, were taken to the Harvard Photographic Services and filmed for my use herein. I wish to express gratitude for this signal courtesy both to the Town Librarian and to Harvard University for cooperating to present this record to the scholarly world. In the interests of legibility and economy I have ignored the awkward spacing of the manuscript, introducing punctuation where needed to convey the intended meaning of the various Lyceum secretaries or to achieve a measure of uniformity in format. Occasionally I have introduced an editorial comment in brackets.]

Though Lincoln's lyceum was not as significant in the history of the movement as Concord's or Salem's, it was important, thanks to the efforts of Charles Stearns Wheeler and members of his family, who knew how to draw upon talent from Concord and Boston. In one sense, the following records are a memorial to the Wheeler family. K. W. C.]

At a meeting of several of the inhabitants of Lincoln at the centre school-house on tuesday the second day of March, 1830, for the purpose of taking in to consideration the propriety of forming a Lyceum, Organized by choosing Doct. George Russell Moderator. Charles Brown Sect. Voted: That it is expedient to form a Lyceum in this Town. Voted: To choose a committee to draft a Constitution and lay it before an adjourned meeting. Rev. Elijah Dimond, Doct. George Russell were chosen a committee for that purpose. Voted: To adjourn for two weeks.

[March 16, 1830]

Agreeable to adjournment, met. The Committe[e] on prepairing a Constitution reported the same for the consideration of the meeting. The Constitution was then read and adopted with amendments. Voted: To choose a committe[e] to procure subscribers to the Constitution consisting of four. Doct. George Russell, Charles Brown, James Baker and Timothy Darling were chosen for that purpose. Voted: To adjourn for one week.

[THE CONSTITUTION]

We the subscribers, desirous of our own improvement in Knowledge, the advance of Popular Education, and the diffusion of useful information throughout the community generally, and believing that these objects can be more certainly, easily, and fully accomplished by united, than by individual exertions, agree to associate under the name of the Lincoln Lyceum, and adopt the following articles for Constitution:-

Article I. Any inhabitant of Lincoln may become a member of the Lyceum by annually paying into the treasury one dollar, five dollars paid at any one time shall entitle a person to one membership for life. Persons under eighteen years of age by paying one half of the an[n]ual sum above mentioned, shall enjoy all the privileges of the society except voting.

II. The Officers of the society shall be a President, two vice Presidents, Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary [and a] Prudential Committee, who shall be chosen an[n]ually by ballot on such month and day as may be specified in the By Laws.

III. The President, and in his absence, neglect or refusal to act, one of the Vice Presidents shall preside in all meetings, preserve order, and perform all the duties usually attached to his office. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse monies. The Recording Secretary shall record all votes and proceedings of the society. The Corresponding Secretary shall read and answer all communications addressed to it. And the above named Officers [Prudential Committee] shall constitute a board of directors and shall have charge of the Cabinet and all the other property of the Lyceum and shall be the general agents to do any business for the society under its directions.

IV. To accomplish the objects of the Society there shall be procured, as soon as the funds will permit, a Library, an apparatus for illustrating the sciences, and a Cabinet of Minerals.

V. The Society shall hold meetings for discussions, dissertations, lectures and such other exercises as may be deemed expedient, when and where it shall determine.

VI. Teachers of schools may be permitted to use for the benefit of their pupils, the apparatus and minerals under such restrictions as the association shall determin[e].

VII. The property of the Lyceum, however acquired, shall be vested in the life members for the use of the society; and it shall be inalienable, except by way of exchange for others of equal value, without the assent of a majority of the life members and a majority of the annual members. Notice to that effect being given four weeks previous to its being acted upon.

VIII. The President and three members shall have power to call at any time, a special meeting, which shall be legal, if notice be given according to direction in the By Laws.

IX. The Society shall have power to pass such By Laws and regulations as shall be deemed by a majority necessary for the good management of its concerns.

X. Any member may withdraw from the society by makeing his request known in writing to the President at least two weeaks previous to the an[n]ual meeting, and paying up all assessments then due.

XI. We will cooperate with the County Lyceum in its endeavors for the promotion and diffusion of useful Knowledge.

XII. The foregoing articles may be altered, amended or annulled, by a majority of the life members and a majority of the annual members present at any one legal meeting: said alterations or amendment haven [having] be[e]n proposed at a meeting not less than four weeks previous to the one at which it is to be acted upon.

AMENDMENTS

I. Each Member of this Society, inste[a]ld of paying One Dollar per Annum shall pay such sum as shall be voted by said Society at any stated meeting thereof. Passed December 18th 1832.

II. Ladies may be admitted members of the Lyceum by signing the Constitution, without being subject to assessments, and may enjoy all the privileges of Members. Passed Feby 3^d 1835.

[March 23, 1830]

Agreeable to adjournment met, and voted to hear the report of a committee chosen at the last meeting to procure subscribers to the Constitution. The committee reported that they had procured twenty five. Voted: To proceed to the choice of Officers; made choice of Rev. Elijah Demond, President. Silas P. Tarbell, Esq. Deac. Eleazer Brooks Vice Presidents. Henry Rice Treasurer. Charles Brown Rec. Secretary. Doct. George Russell Cor. Secretary. Voted: To choose a com[m]itte[e] to draft a code of By Laws. Rev. Elijah Demond and Doct. George Russell were chosen a committee for that purpose. The committee chosen to prepair a code of By Laws reported the same for the consideration of the Society. The By Laws were than read, amended, and accepted. Voted: To adjourn for two weeks to meet at half past six P. M.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Silas P. Tarbell	George Russell	Frederick A. Hayden	Charles L. Tarbell
Charles Wheeler	James Baker	Henry Rice	Albert A. Cole

Timothy Darling	Harriet H. Warren	Charles Brown	Geo. Stearns
Amos Bemis	Winthrop F. Adams	Cyrus Smith	Luther P. Whitman
Hosea Weston	Albert Hagar	Charles A. Wheeler	Joseph Hosmer, Jr.
Daniel Weston	Leonard Spaulding	Cyrus Brooks	William Farnsworth
George Weston	Samuel Thwing	John Hoar	Edwin Maxwell
Horatio Wheeler	Joseph Law	Samuel Hoar the 2ond	William Whitney
Calvin Weston	Parker Brown	James Jones	Wm Blanchard
Jonas Smith	E. Beau	Francis S. Bemis	Schuyler Parks
Edmund Wheeler, Jr.	Elijah Demond	Ephraim Flint	Jacob Baker
Ebenezer Newhall	Elisha Hagar	Calvin Smith	Francis Newhal
Nathan Hall	Gregory Stone	Francis J. Maxwell	Nov. 6 1839
Jo ^s Whitman, Jr.	Leonard [Hoar?]	Levi Peirce	William Warren
Abel Wheeler	Joseph Hoar, Jr.	P. F. Hagar	James Farrar, Jr.
Margaret M. Warren	William Colburn	William Foster	William F. Wheeler

BY LAWS

Article I. There shall be a meeting of the Lyceum every second Tuesday evening, at such an hour and during such parts of the year, as the society shall determine.

II. Each member may admit two ladies, and if married his children in addition.

III. Strangers may be admit[t]ed by invitations.

IV. Persons not members may receive tickets of admit[t]ance for one or [more] evenings on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

V. The annual meeting of the Lyceum shall be holden on the first Tuesday in november, at which time the Officers of institution shall be chosen, and a public address be made by a person appointed by the directors.

VI. There shall be a lecture as often at least as once a month if the directors can obtain a lecturer; if not they shall make provision for some other exercises.

VII. The exercises on the other evenings shall be discussions, readings, or familiar conversations.

VIII. The directors shall make out a list of those persons, who will consent to take a part in the discussions; and they shall be called on alphabetically,—four on each question, two on the affirmative, and two on the negative.

IX. There shall be a committee of three chosen by the Society to select questions, or other exercises, and notify the disputants.

X. The subject shall be given to the disputants two weeks previous to its discussion.

XI. In all discussions the speaker shall address the President.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice on the same questions without permission from the President.

XIII. Questions shall be decided by the President.

XIV. Any member may appeal from the discission of the President, or the President may decline deciding; in either case it shall be decided by [the] society.

XV. The Directors shall solicit donations and deposits for the society; and the donations and deposits shall be recorded at the time made, together with donors or depositors name.

XVI. A member may have permission to take one book at a time from the Library of the Lyceum under restrictions of the Directors.

XVII. Any member may be permitted to use the library or apparatus in the place where it is located under the restrictions of the Directors.

XVIII. In case of a special meeting the Directors shall give notice thereof, either by posting it, at least fourteen days previous to said meeting; or by given [giving] a verbal or written notice to each member at least two days previous to said meeting.

[? April 6, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favour[el]d with a highly usefull and interesting Lecture on the Temperaments by Doct. Josiah Bartlet. Voted: That the thanks of this Society be presented to Doct. Bartlet for his useful and interesting Lecture this evening. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[? April 20, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favour[el]d with an interesting Lecture on the Origin of man by Doct. Horatio Adams. Voted: That the thanks of this Society be presented to Doct. Adams for his interesting Lecture this evening. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[? May 4, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favourd with an full and interesting Lecture on Education [by] Mr. Lemuel Shattuck. Voted: That the thanks of this Society be presented to Mr. Shattuck for his useful Lecture this evening. Voted, to adjourn untill the first Tuesday in November.

[? Nov. 2, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favourd with a Lecture on the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb by Samuel Fisk, Esq^r. After which a Discussion. Question: Is the policy of the general government towards the Indians, just? Question not decided. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[? Nov. 9, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met, and proceeded to discuss the question which was before the last meeting. Decided in the Affirmative. Voted, to adjourn for one week.

[? Nov. 16, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favour'd with a Lecture on the advantages of a knowledge of Musick by M^r. Silas H. Hill. After which a discussion. Question: Ought Imprisonment for Debt to be abolished? Decided in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[? Nov. 23, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favourd with a Lecture on the anatomy of the Eye by Doct. George Russell. After which a Discussion. Question: Does Knowledge give its possessor more power than Wealth does? Decided in the Affirmative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[? Dec. 7, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favourd with a Lecture on Novels and Romances by Rev. Elijah Demond. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[? Dec. 21, 1830] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favourd with a Lecture on Digestion by Doct. Josiah Bartlet. After which a Discussion. Question: Ought the study of anatomy to be legalized? Decided in the Affirmative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[? Jan. 4, 1831] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favourd with a Lecture on Poetry and its Origin by Mr. Charles D. Jackson. After which a Discussion. Question: Has mankind be[el]n benefited by the French Revolution commencing in 1789? Decission of the question postponed untill next meeting. Voted, to choose a Committee consisting of three to ascertain the amount of the funds of the Lyceum; also how said funds shall be disposed of and report at next meeting. Chose Charles Wheeler, Esq^r. Maj. Daniel Weston Doct. George Russell. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[? Jan. 18, 1831] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favour'd with a Lecture on Economy by Rev. Ezra Ripley, D.D. Voted, to farther discuss the question which was before the last meeting. Decided in the affirmative. Voted, to hear a report of a Committee chosen at last meeting. The Chairman of the Committee reported as follows:

The Committee chosen at the last meeting of the Lyceum, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of the funds of said Society, and of disposing of said funds, submit the following report:

The Treasurer has received from Members	\$23.00
The Treasurer has paid for the Journal, stagehire, Horse-keeping, lights &c., to the present time	<u>7.25</u>
	15.75
Due from members	<u>5.00</u>
making	\$20.75

The Committee report in favour of continuing the Journal of Education, the remainder of the present year—and that the funds remain in the hands of the Treasurer, in an accumulating state untill the November meeting, when with the money that will then be paid in, the Committe[e] flatter themselves the Society will be able to procure some valuable apparatus for the use of said Society. pr. Order of the Committee. Charles Wheeler.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[? Jan. 25, 1831] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favoured with Lecture, a discription of the West, by Rev. Bernard Whitman. Voted, to adjourn untill the first Tuesday in October.

[Nov. 1, 1831] The Society met on the first Tuesday of November 1831 for the choice of Officers. Made choice of Rev. Elijah Demond, President. Doct. George Russell James Baker Vice Presidents. Henry Rice Treasurer. Charles Brown Rec. Sec. Maj. Daniel Weston Cor. Sec. Voted, to hear the report of the Treasurer. The Treasurer has paid for Lights, horse keeping, Journal of Education, Stage fare &c. \$12.69. Received of thirty Members \$30.00. Balance due the Lyceum \$17.31. Voted, to accept the report. The Society were favoured with a Lecture on the Management of Schools by Mr. Asa Rand. Voted, to adjourn for two weeks.

[Nov. 15, 1831] Agreeable to adjournment, met and were favour'd with a Lecture on School-keeping together with illustrations on School apparatus by Mr. Moses Hulburt. Voted to adjourn for three weeks.

[Dec. 13, 1831] Met December the thirteenth and were favoured with a Lecture on Astronomy by Mr. Nehemiah Ball. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Dec. 27, 1831] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favoured with a Lecture on the Science of Sound by John M. Cheney, Esqr. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 10, 1832] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favoured with a Lecture on Astronomy by Benjamin Gleason, Esqr. After which a Discussion. Question: Would a Railroad from Boston to the Hudson counterbalance the expence? Decided in the affirmative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 24, 1832] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favoured with a Lecture on the American Independance by Mr. Henry Rice. After which a Discussion. Question: Does the Ambitious and Sanguin[e] expectations of men contribute to their Happiness? Decided in the affirmative. Voted to choose three Delegates to the State Lyceum. Adj. for two weeks. Rev. Elijah Demond F. A. Hayden Doct. George Russell.

[Feb. 7, 1832] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favoured with a Lecture on Geology by Mr. Silas H. Hill. After which a Discussion. Question: Ought Corporeal Punishment to be abolished in Schools. Decided in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Feb. 21, 1832] Agreeable to adjournment met and were favour'd with a Lecture on the Culture of Silk by Mr. Edmund B. Whitman. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 28, 1832] Agreeably to adjournment met and were favoured with a Lecture on Manufactures by Col. Daniel Shattuck. Voted to adjourn for one Week.

[Mar. 7, 1832] Met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on Taxes by Mr. Peabody. Voted to adjourn to the second Tuesday of November next.

[Nov. 13, 1832] The Society met according to adjournment on the second Tuesday of November 1832, and proceeded to the choice of Officers. Voted and made choice of Doctor George Russell, President: made choice of Mr. Charles Brown and Mr. Jonas Smith, Vice Presidents: chose Mr. Henry Rice, Treasurer. Charles Wheeler, Recording Secretary. Frederick A. Hayden, Corresponding Secretary. Then adjourned the Meeting for two Weeks.

[Nov. 20, 1832] Tuesday November 20th Met agreeable to adjournment and were favored with a Lecture, on the Education of Children by Mr. [] Hersey. Then adjourned for two Weeks.

[Dec. 4, 1832] Tuesday, December 4th 1832. Met according to adjournment and were favored with a Lecture upon Vegetables, particularly those used for table food, by Doc. Edward Jarvis, of Concord.

[Dec. 18, 1832] Tuesday December 18th met according to the Usual time and were favoured with a Lecture on Biography by Mr. Alexander H. Laurence, after which there was a discussion. Question: If a man should discover a mine, in another man's field, would it be morally right for him to purchase the field, the owner being ignorant of the existence of the mine? Decided in the negative by the Society. A motion having been made four Weeks previous, voted to amend the Constitution, so that the members, instead of paying one Dollar annually into the Treasury may pay such sum as shall be voted by said Society, at any stated meeting of said Society.

[Jan. 1, 1833] The Lyceum met January first 1833 and were favoured with a Lecture on Mythology or the religion of Ancient Greece and Rome by Mr. Theodore Parker—after which there was a discussion. Question: Is War justifiable? decided in the affirmative. The Society voted to have meetings once a Week for discussions.

[Jan. 8, 1833] Tuesday January 8th the Lyceum Society met, and had a discussion. Question: Is the Union of the States tending to dissolution? decided in the negative.

[Jan. 15, 1833] Tuesday January 15th the Lyceum met and were highly favoured with a useful Lecture on Government by Isaac Bemis Esq., after which there was a discussion. Question: Is the Mechanic more beneficial to the Community than the Farmer? decided that the Farmer is more beneficial to the Community than the Mechanic.

[Jan. 22, 1833] Tuesday January 22nd The Society met and had a Discussion. Question: Do morals exert a greater influence on Society, than intellect? Voted to postpone the decision, and continue the discussion the next meeting.

[Jan. 29, 1833] Tuesday January 29th the Lyceum met and were favoured with a lecture on Ornithology by Charles Stearns Wheeler, after which the discussion was continued and decided that Morals exert the greatest influence. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Feb. 12, 1833] The Lyceum met Tuesday February 12th 1833 and were favored with a lecture on American Literature by Mr. Samuel S. Fairbanks, after which there was a discussion. Question: Which exerts the greatest influence upon Society: Male or Female character? decided in favor of Females.

[Feb. 26, 1833] Tuesday February 26th 1833. The Lyceum met and were favoured with a Lecture upon the Geography and history of Palestine or Sacred Geography by Charles S. Breckenridge, after which there was a discussion. Question: Which exerts the most deleterious influence upon Society--the Miser or the Spendthrift? decided that the Miser exerts the most deleterious influence.

[Mar. 26, 1833] Tuesday March 26th 1833. The Lyceum met and were favoured with a Lecture upon the difference between animals and vegetables by James T. Jones, after which there was a discussion. Question: Ought the present system of Debt & Credit to be abolished? Decided, in the Affirmative.

[Apr. 9, 1833] Tuesday, April 9th 1833. The Lyceum met, and were favored with a Lecture upon the Manufacture of Ropes and Cordage by Leonard Spaulding, after which it was Voted to choose delegates to attend the meeting of The County Lyceum: Chose Charles Brown, Charles Wheeler, Daniel Weston. Voted to postpone indefinitely the discussion. Voted to adjourn to the first Tuesday in November.

[NOTE:] The records of the Meetings for the years 1833 & 1834 were omitted by the recording Secretary without the Knowledge of the Society.

[Dec. 22, 1834] At a Meeting of the Lyceum on Tuesday eve December 22^d 1834: The following Officers were chosen. Viz Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, President. Geo. Russell Mr. Charles Brown, Vice Presidents. Geo. Russell, Recording Secty. Mr. Charles L. Tarbell, Corresponding Secty. Capt. Horatio Wheeler, Treasurer. Messrs. William Colburn, Capt. Phineas F. Hagar & Charles L. Tarbell were chosen a Committee to examine The Treasurers Accounts & report at the next meeting. Then adjourned to next Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

[Dec. 30, 1834] Tuesday Decr 30th 1834. Met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on Demonology by Mr. Albert H. Nelson of Concord. The Committee not being prepared to report, adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 6, 1835] Jany. 6th 1835. Met according to adjournment and proceeded to business. On Motion of Dr. Russell it was voted that the Committee chosen to examine the Treasurers Accounts be instructed to report at the next meeting what assessment will be necessary for the present year agreeable to the revised Constitution. An amendment of the Constitution was proposed and laid before the Society for 4 weeks. Viz. That Ladies be admitted as Members of the Lyceum by signing the Constitution. On Motion as above, Messrs. Geo. Russell, Charles Brown, Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, Charles Wheeler, Esq. & James Baker, Capt. Phineas F. Hagar & Henry H. Griffin were chosen a Committee on questions, & to engage disputants. A Lecture was then delivered by Mr. George Stearns (Instructor in the Centre School) On Phrenology. Afterwards a discussion on the question: Is our Country in danger from the influence of Romancatholicism? Disputants: Messrs. H. H. Griffin, affirmative, & [] Finley, negative. Decided in the affirmative by the President. Decision sustained by the Society on appeal. Adjourned for one week, to meet at 6 o'clock.

[Jan. 13, 1835] Met according to adjournment. The Committee submitted the following Report, Vis: The Committee chosen to examine the Treasurers accounts have attended to that service & ask leave to report. The Treasurer has paid for Lecturers, Entertainment, horsekeeping & lights thirty dollars & sixty three cents \$30.63 since the last settlement of Decr. 13, 1831, as pr. bill. At which time there was in the hands of the Treasurer 17.31. Leaving a ballance now due the Treasurer of \$13.32. The Committee would recommend that there be an assessment of one dollar (\$1) on each member to defray the necessary expences of the Lyceum. Lincoln, Jany 13th 1835. By order of the Committee, W^m Colburn Chmⁿ. Report accepted. Voted to assess one dollar on each member except those who have joined or may join this season. The Lyceum was then favoured with a Lecture by Mr. [] Finley (of the East School) on Phrenology. Question for Discussion: Has the man of Education more influence than the man of Wealth? G. Russell, affirmative. Mr. Geo. Stearns, negative. Question not decided & the

further consideration postpon'd to next meeting. Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 20, 1835] Tuesday Jan'y 20th 1835. Met according to adjournment. On Motion of the Secretary the committee on questions were instructed to ascertain who of the members of the Lyceum will take part in the discussions. On Motion [sic] as above Messrs. Geo. Russell, Rev. E. Newhall, James Baker, Geo. Stearns & [] were chosen a Committee to enquire if it be expedient to make any alterations in the exercises before the Lyceum & if so, to recommend such alteration as they think proper. On Motion of Mr. Charles Tarbell, Messrs. Charles Tarbell, Capt. Phineas F. Hagar & Geo. Russell were chosen a Committee of order or Monitors. A Printed Lecture of Zadock Howe, M.D. On Quackery was read by the Recording Secretary. Then proceeded to the discussion of the question continued from last Meeting. In which, in addition to the regular disputants, Messrs. Charles Tarbell, [] Finley & Henry Rice participated. Question decided in the Affirmative by the President. Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 27, 1835] Met according to adjournment. Lecture by Mr. Geo. Stearns on Phrenology. Question: Ought early marriages to be encouraged? Mr. Geo. Stearns, Afftv. Mr. Lappum, Negtv. Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 3, 1835] Feby 3^d. Met according to Adjournment. The proposed article of amendment of the Constitution was taken up and on motion of Mr. H. Rice it was Voted that the first section of the Constitution of this Society be so far altered as that Ladies may be admit[t]ed Members of the Lyceum by signing the Constitution without being subject to assessments, and may enjoy all the privileges of Members. Lecture by Mr. Finley on Phrenology. Question: Would a war with France be expedient, if she neglects to fulfill her treaty of 1831? Decided in the negative by the Society. Several took part in the discussion. Regular disputants not known. Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 10, 1835] Lecture by Mr. W^m. Whiting, Jr., on the history of Republics. Question: Does the Colozination [sic], or the Anti-Slavery Society most deserve the aid of the com[m]unity? Mr. Henry H. Griffin in favour of the Colonization & Mr. Joseph Whitman & Mr. Jonas Smith, of the Antislavery Society. Question not decided, and the further consideration of it postponed to next meeting. Adj^d 1. week.

[Feb. 17, 1835] Feby 17th 1835. Met according to adjournment. Lecture by Mr. [] Allen of Andover Question Decided in favour of the Colozination [sic] Society by the Lyceum. Adjourned for 1. Week on Memory.

[Feb. 24, 1835] Feby 24th 1835. Met according to adjournment. Lecture by Mr. Henry H. Griffin on Geology. Question: Is the Science of Phrenology worthy of credence? Finley & Stearns, Afftv. W^m. F. Wheeler, Negative. Decided in the Affirmative by [the Society]. Adjourned 1. week.

[Mar. 3, 1835] March 3^d. Met according to Adjournment. Lecture on Geology by Mr. Griffin. Question not decided. Adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 10, 1835] March 10th 1835. No meeting

[Mar. 17, 1835] March 17. Met according to Adjournment. Lecture on Geology by Mr. Henry H. Griffin. Question: Ought the Manufacture and Sale of ardent spirit to be prohibited by Law? The question was argued by Mr. Joseph Whitman in the affirmative and without taking the question The Society adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 24, 1835] March 24th 1835. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on Chemistry by Mr. John W. Warren, Jun., after which the Society Adjourned to the [] Tuesday in November.

[Nov. ?, 1835] At a meeting of the Members of Lincoln Lyceum held at the centre schoolhouse on Tuesday Evening, Nov. [], 1835, the following Gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year: Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, President.

Dr. George Russell and Mr. Charles Brown, Vice Presidents. Mr. Henry Rice, Treasurer. Capt. Horatio Wheeler, Recording Sec^y. Mr. Charles L. Tarbell, Corresponding Sec^y. Dr. George Russell, Messrs. Amos Bemis and William Farnsworth were chosen a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts. Dr. George Russell, Rev. E. Newhall, Messrs. Jonas Smith, Joseph Whitman, Charles L. Tarbell, Frederick A. Hayden and Winthrop F. Adams were chosen a Committee on Questions. Messrs. Charles L. Tarbell, Francis S. Bemis and Winthrop F. Adams were chosen Committee of Order. Then adjourned for [] weeks.

[Dec. 8, 1835] Tuesday Dec. 8th 1835. The Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on the Life and character of Socrates by Charles C. Emerson, Esq., of Concord. Then adjourned two weeks.

[Dec. 22, 1835] Tuesday Dec. 22nd 1835. The Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on Education by Mr. [] Fuller, Instructor of the South School, after which there was a discussion. Question: []. Then adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 5, 1836] Tuesday January 5th 1836. The Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on the History of Slavery by Mr. Charles Stearns Wheeler, after which there was a discussion. Question: Ought public Discussions on the Subject of Slavery to cease? The Question was argued by Joseph Whitman and others in the affirmative and Levi Pierce and others in the Negative and was by vote continued till the next Meeting. Then adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 19, 1836] Tuesday January 19th 1836. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on the Duties of Citizens by Mr. [] Reed of Lexington, after which there was a discussion of the Question continued from the last meeting in which several members took part—and the question decided in the affirmative. Then chose Charles Wheeler Recording Secretary and adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 26, 1836] Tuesday January 26th 1836. The Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on Education by Mr. Simon Burrows, Teacher of the Center School. Then adjourned for two weeks.

[Feb. 9, 1836] Tuesday Feb^y 9th the Society did not meet.

[Feb. 16, 1836] Tuesday February 16th 1836. The Lyceum met and were favoured with a Lecture on Punctuality by Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, after which there was a discussion. Question: Ought Im[m]igration to this Country to be encouraged? The question was discussed by Messrs. William Colburn [and] Simon Burrows in the Affirmative, and Maj. Dan^l Weston, Rev. E. Newhall and L. Spaulding and others in the Negative and by vote of the Society continued till the next meeting. Then adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 22, 1836] Tuesday February 22nd 1836. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on Geology by Mr. Simon Burrows. After which the Society proceeded in the discussion of the Question continued from the last meeting. Several members took part and the Question was decided in the Negative by vote of the Society. The adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 8, 1836] Tuesday March 8th 1836. The Society met according to adjournment and heard a lecture on Geology by Mr. Simon Burrows, after which the discussion was defer[r]ed and the Society Then adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 22, 1836] Tuesday March 22nd 1836. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and on account of the inclemency of the weather adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 29, 1836] Tuesday March 29th 1836. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture on The History of the Puritans by Mr. Leonard Spaulding, of Lincoln, after which the Lyceum adjourned till the first Tuesday in November.

[Nov. 1, 1836] At a meeting of the Lincoln Lyceum Nov. 1st 1836: Voted and made choice of Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, President. Doct. George Russell and Capt. Levi Pierce, Vice Presidents. William Foster, Rec^{ng} Sec'y. Charles L. Tarbell, Cor^{ng} Sec'y. Henry Rice, Treasurer. Voted to choose a Committee on order; made choice of Henry Rice, Charles Brown, William Colburn. Voted to choose a Committee on Questions; made choice of Capt. Levi Pierce, James Baker, Charles L. Tarbell. Voted to choose a Committee of four to procure Subscribers to the Constitution, and to ascertain the Number of those members who will either give a Lecture or procure a Substitute; made choice of Doct. Geo. Russell, Leonard Spaulding, W^m F. Wheeler, James Baker. Voted to accept and record the Report of the Committee chosen to examine the Treasurer's Accounts. Voted to raise an assessment of Fifty cents on each member. The Committee chosen to examine the Treasurers Accounts have attended to that service and ask leave to submit the following report, Viz. The Treasurer for 1835 has collected of the assessments due the last year Sixteen Dollars \$16.00. He has paid for Lectures \$3.00. [He has paid] Mr. Henry Rice for lighting house at fifty cts per evening \$13.00 [= \$16.00. Balance 00.00]. There was due to Mr. Henry Rice for lighting house to March 30th 1836 nine dollars \$9.00. He has collected of the assessment due at the commencement of the present year 9.00. Due from Members \$2.00. Voted to adjourn to the first Tuesday of December to meet at 6 Oclock.

[Dec. 6, 1836] Tuesday Dec. 6th. Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture from Albert H. Nelson, Esqr., of Concord. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Dec. 13, 1836] Society met and were favoured with a Lecture from Joseph Whitman on Popery. After which there was a Discussion. Question: Ought Emulation to be encouraged in common schools? Decided in the Affirmative. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Dec. 20, 1836] Tuesday Dec. 20th. Society were favoured with a Lecture [by] George Farrar on the Heroes of the Revolution. After which a discussion took place. Question: Ought any man to be excluded from bearing witnes[s] in a court of Justice on account of his religious belief? Decided in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 3, 1837] Tuesday Jan^{ry} 3rd 1837. Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture from Charles S. Wheeler on overcoming obstacles in procuring an Education. Question for Discussion: Ought Texas to be admitted into the Union after Mexico has acknowledged her Independence? Decided in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 17, 1837] Jan 17th. Society met and were favoured with a Lecture from Mr. [] Hayward on the ruins of Herculaneum & Pompeii. No Discussion. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 31, 1837] Jan 31st Society met and were favoured with a Lecture from Leonard Spaulding on School Keeping. Discussion. Decided in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Feb. 14, 1837] Feb. 14th. Society met and were favoured with a Lecture from W^m Blanchard. Discussion after the Lecture. Questions?

[Mar. 21, 1837] Tuesday March 21st Society met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture from William F. Wheeler. Question for Discussion: Ought Slavery to be abolished in the District of Columbia? Decided in the Affirmative. Society Voted to adjourn to the Second Tuesday of November.

[Dec. 5, 1837] Lincoln Lyceum. Dec. 5th 1837. The Ninth Annual election of Officers in Lincoln Lyceum took place on the evening of Dec. 5, 1837, and the following Gentlemen were elected Officers for the ensuing year: Dr. George Russell, President. Capt. Levi Pierce and Mr. Charles L. Tarbell, Vice Presidents. Maj. Daniel Weston, Corresponding Sec'y. William F. Wheeler, Recording Sec'y. Mr. Henry Rice, Treasurer. Voted to choose a Committee on Order and chose

Messrs. Cha.^s L. Tarbell, Charles Brown and Henry Rice. Voted to choose a Committee on Questions for discussion and chose Messrs. Chas. L. Tarbell, Charles Wheeler and William F. Wheeler. Voted to choose a prudential Committee to engage Lecturers and chose Messrs. George Russell, William F. Wheeler and William Blanchard. Mr. Rice, Treas. of the Lyceum, presented a bill for \$7 for lighting the house 14 evenings, which was allowed, and he reported that eleven members only had paid the last assessment, which report the Sec'y was directed to record. Voted that the presiding officer of the Lyceum be requested to call the meetings to order at 15 minutes from the time of adjournment. Voted to adjourn to Tuesday evening next to meet at half past six o'clock.

[Dec. 13, 1837] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 12, 1837. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. The Prest. called the meeting to order, and being disappointed in a Lecture, several members expressed their opinions on the expediency of continuing the meetings of the Lyceum, and the Lyceum voted to continue their meetings the ensuing winter and Adjourned for one week.

[Dec. 19, 1837] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 19, 1837. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were called to order by the President. The Lyceum listened to a Lecture from Rev. Timothy P. Ropes, of Lexington, after which it was voted to lay the discussion on the table and to adjourn for one week.

[Dec. 26, 1837] The Lyceum met according to adjournment. Messrs. Blanchard and Pierce expressed their opinions on the following question, the President being in the chair: "Are the Canadian provinces in a situation similar to that of the American colonies at the time of the Declaration [sic] of Independence?" The question was decided in the affirmative and the Lyceum adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 9, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 9, 1838. The Lyceum met and were called to order by the President. A Lecture was delivered by Mr. James Blodgett, of Lexington, on Education. After which there was a discussion on the following Question: Is slavery a greater evil than Intemperance? Decided in the Negative by the President. Messrs. Levi Pierce, Henry Rice, and Jonas Smith were chosen a Committee to consider and report on the expediency of employing a Lecturer on some scientific subject. Adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 23, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum. Jan. 23^d 1838. The Lyceum, according to adjournment, met and were called to order by the President. The committee chosen at the last meeting to consider and report on the expediency of employing a Lecturer on some scientific subject submitted a report, which [was] read and referred to the next meeting of the Lyceum. A very interesting lecture on the "Poetry of Facts" was then delivered by Mr. Charles Hayward, Jr., of Boston, after which it was voted to lay the Question reported at the last meeting of the Lyceum on the table; then voted to discuss the following Question this evening, viz.: Does a Republican Government possess all the inherent qualities requisite to secure its ultimate prevalence throughout the world? Messrs. J. W. Green, W^m Blanchard, Cha^s Hayward, Jr., C. S. Wheeler and W. F. Wheeler participated in the discussion. Then voted to continue the discussion at the next Meeting and Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 30, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 30th 1838. The Lyceum met and were called to order by the President and being disappointed in a Lecture resumed the discussion of the Question continued from the last meeting. Messrs. N. A. Clark, W. Blanchard, and L. Pierce took a part in the discussion, and the Question was decided in the affirmative by vote of the Lyceum. The Question which was laid on the table at the last meeting was called up, which Question was as follows, viz. Ought we to discuss the rights of others, when by so doing we endanger our own? Several propositions for amendment were offered but without entering into the discussion of it the Lyceum Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 6, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 6th 1838. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a Lecture on the Life and Times of the Empress Josephine by Mr. Josiah G. Rutter, of Wa[l]tham. After which the Lyceum adj. for one week.

[Feb. 13, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum February 13th 1838. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were called to order by the President. A Lecture on the Political condition of the Island of St. Domingo was delivered by Revnd James T. Woodbury, of Acton. After which it was voted to postpone the Discussion and to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 20, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 20, 1838. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were called to order by the President. A lecture on Death was delivered by Mr. Charles S. Wheeler, of Cambridge. After which there was a discussion of the following Question: Is the use of Tobacco ever beneficial except for a Medicine? Mr. Blanchard in Affirmative and Mr. Green in the negative. The Question was decided in the affirmative by the President. Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 27, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 27, 1838. The Lyceum met and were called to order by the President. A Lecture on Law was delivered by Mr. William Blanchard. After which it was voted to postpone the discussion to the next meeting and Adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 6, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum March 6th 1838. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were called to order by Capt. L. Pierce, one of the Vice-presidents. It was voted that there be an assessment of twenty five cents on each member of the Lyceum and that the members be requested to pay the same to the Treasurer at the next meeting. A Lecture on Animal Magnetism was delivered by Albert H. Nelson, Esquire, of Concord. After which the Lyceum adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 13, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum March 13th 1838. Dr. Josiah Bartlett, of Concord, delivered an interesting Lecture on the intercourse of the first settlers of New England with the Indians. Adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 27, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum March 27, 1838. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and voted to adjourn to the first Tuesday in November next. Attest, W. F. Wheeler, Rec. Sec^y

[Dec. 18, 1838] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 18th 1838. The Tenth Annual election of officers of Lincoln Lyceum took place at the centre School House on the evening of Dec. 18, 1838, and the following gentlemen were chosen for the ensuing year, Viz. Abel Wheeler, President. Levi Pierce and Cha^s L. Tarbell, Vice Presidents. Daniel Weston, Corresponding Secretary. William F. Wheeler, Recording [Secretary]. Henry Rice, Treasurer, and Col. Calvin Weston, Mr. Charles L. Tarbell, and Capt. Levi Pierce: Committee on order or Monitors. And William F. Wheeler, Mr. Cha^s L. Tarbell and Mr. Abel Wheeler: Committee on Questions. And Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, Charles Wheeler, Esq., Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. Abel Wheeler, and Col. Calvin Weston—a Prudential Committee. Voted that the Prudential Committee be requested to examine the Treasurer's accounts and to report at the next meeting what funds will be necessary to meet the expenses of the Lyceum this winter. After the choice of officers, a useful Lecture on the defects of early Education was delivered by Mr. Edward Mansfield, of Lexington, after which the following question was adopted for discussion at the next meeting, viz.: Ought Emulation to be used in our common schools as an incentive to study? And the Lyceum Adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 1, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 1st 1839. The Lyceum met and were called to order by Capt. Pierce, one of the Vice presidents. Mr. Thomas Dawes, Teacher of the centre-school, delivered a useful Lecture on Reading, after which it was voted that the discussion be defer[r]ed and the Lyceum Adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 15, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 15, 1839. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and being disappointed by a Lecturer, Voted to proceed to the discussion of the Question deferred from the last meeting, which question was: Ought Emulation to be used in our common schools as an incentive to study? Mr. J. W. Peet and W. F. Wheeler supported the affirmative and Mr. Tho^s Dawes and Col. C. Weston, the negative. The President refer[r]ed the question to the So-

ciety for decision and it was decided in the affirmative. After the discussion, the subject of "an alteration in the schools in this Town by uniting the older scholars in a central or high-school, and the employment of female teachers in the district schools" was adopted for discussion at the next meeting of the Lyceum. Adjourned for two weeks.

[Jan. 29, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 29, 1839. The Lyceum met and chose Messrs. Jonas Smith, Calvin Weston, Abel Wheeler, Cha^s L. Tarbell and W. F. Wheeler Delegates to attend the Middlesex Association for the improvement of common schools at Charlestown. The Lyceum voted to discuss the subject proposed at the last meeting. As Capt. Pierce commenced the discussion, but no one having spunk enough to follow, the discussion stopped. After some conversation among the members it was Voted: To invite the elder boys in the several schools to Declaim at the meetings of the Lyceum. Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 5, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 5, 1839. Met according to adjournment. The prudential committee submitted the following report, viz. "The Committee appointed by the Lyceum to settle with the Treasurer report as follows:

Due the Treasurer o[n] the last settlement	1.50
Due the Treasurer for lights 20 evenings	10.00
for Horse Keeping and Lectures	3.00
	<u>\$14.50</u>

The Treasurer has received of nine members since last settlement four dollars fifty cents

Balance due the Treasurer	4.50
	<u>10.00</u>

Submitted by Charles Wheeler, Abel Wheeler, Calvin Weston. Lincoln Feb. 5th 1839." Voted to accept the report of the Committee. Voted to assess the sum of Fifty cents on each member of the Lyceum. Mr. James Blodgett, of Lexington, then favoured the Lyceum with a Lecture on War. After which the Lyceum Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 12, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 12th 1839. Mr. James E. Egan, from Waltham, an Irish Gentleman, delivered to the Lyceum a very interesting Lecture on Poetry. After the Lecture the President suggested that there was an opportunity for a discussion and W. F. Wheeler moved to take up the subject of "Emulation in Schools," but no one seconding the motion, Mr. Egan moved to discuss the following question, viz.: Ought Musick to be introduced into our public schools? which was voted, and Messrs. Tho^s Dawes, James E. Egan, L. Pierce, Cha^s L. Tarbell, W. F. Wheeler and Jonas Smith participated in the discussion—but without deciding the question the Lyceum Adjourned for one week.

[Feb. 19, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 19, 1839. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and being disappointed in a Lecture Voted to discuss the following question, Viz. Ought Music to be introduced into our public schools? Messrs. Calvin Weston, Cha^s L. Tarbell, W. F. Wheeler, Jonas Smith and Henry Rice participated in the discussion and the question was decided in the affirmative by vote of the Society. Voted that Emulation in Schools be the subject of discussion at the next meeting. Adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 5, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum March 5, 1839. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were called to order by the President. Several gentleman [sic] declaimed, and several more promised they would at a future meeting. Voted to Adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 12, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum March 12, 1839. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. Rev. O. A. Dodge, of Lexington, delivered a useful Lecture on "Libraries." After the Lecture the subject of an alteration in the schools in this Town by uniting the older scholars in a central or high school and the employment of female teachers in the District schools was taken up for discussion, and the President, the Rev. Mr. Dodge, Capt. L. Pierce, Mr. Jonas Smith and W. F. Wheeler spoke in favor of the proposed alteration. Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to insert the following article in the warrant for next town meeting, Viz.: "To see if the Town will take any measures to establish a high school in this place." Then voted that the discussion lie on the Table, and

that the Lyceum Adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 19, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum March 19, 1839. The Lyceum [met] according to adjournment and Voted to adjourn to the first Tuesday of November next. Attest, W. F. Wheeler, Sec^y.

[Nov. 5, 1839] At a meeting of the members of Lincoln Lyceum, held at the centre Schoolhouse Nov. 5, 1839, the following Gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year: Mr. Abel Wheeler, President. Charles L. Tarbell [and] Wm. F. Wheeler, Vice Presidents. Henry Rice, Treasurer. Wm. Foster, Corresponding Sec. Daniel Weston, Recording Sec. Col. Calvin Weston, Wm. F. Wheeler, and Abel Wheeler were chosen a committee on Questions. Henry Rice and Wm. Colburn were chosen a committee of order.

[Dec. 2, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum, Dec. 2, 1839. The Lyceum met at six o'clock Monday 2 Dec., after hearing an interesting Lecture from Rev. Mr. Champeior, Missionary from South Africa, upon the character and condition of the Africans. After the Lecture the Lyceum voted to adjourn to Tuesday the 17 Dec.

[Dec. 17, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 17, 1839. The Lyceum met at six o'clock Tuesday the 17 Dec. according to adjournment. The President favored the Lyceum with a Lecture upon reading.

[Dec. 31, 1839] Lincoln Lyceum, Dec. 31, 1839. The Lyceum met Tuesday eve. 6 o'clock according to adjournment, and listened to a very useful Lecture upon Education from Rev. Mr. [Barzillai] Frost, of Concord. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 14, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum January 14, 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to a Lecture from Mr. Southwourth upon Poetry. Voted to adjourn for two week[s] after which voted to discuss the question: Ought the press to be free?

[Jan. 28, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum January 28, 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and was very attentive for one hour to a Lecture from C. S. Wheeler, of Cambridge. After which Mr. Wm. Wheeler, Mr. Southwourth, Mr. C. S. Wheeler and Mr. Peete took parts in the discussion, which was: Ought the Press to be free? Which was decided in the Affirmative. Voted to discuss [sic] the question: Is it justifiable to whip a Pig to death to increase the flavour of the Pork? Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Feb. 11, 1840] Lyncoln Lyceum Feb. 11, 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment, and was pleased with the description of the third Temple by Mr. Dawes, of Cambridge. Voted to adjourn for two weeks. Mr. Southworth opened the debate: Is it justifiable to whip a Pig to death to i[n]crease the flavor of the Pork? Mr. Dawes spoke upon the question; the question was not decided however.

[Feb. 25, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 25, 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment & listened to a Lecture from Mr. Ware of Cambridge on the character of Leo. After the Lecture, the subject for discussion was introduced, which was: Is Novel reading a waste of time? Mr. Wm. Wheeler, Mr. Dawes, Mr. Southworth, Mr. C. S. Wheeler took parts in the discussion; the question was decided in the affirmative by vote of the Society. Adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 10, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum March 10, 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. Mr. Peet delivered a Lecture on the love of Nature. After the lecture the subject for discussion was introduced: Are ironical expressions right? Mr. Wm. Wheeler, Mr. Peet, and Mr. G. Farrar took part in the discussion. The question was decided in the affirmative. Adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 31, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum March 31, 1840. The Lyceum met according to a[d]journment. Mr. George Farrar delivered a Lecture on the rights of Woman; after the Lecture the subject for discussion was taken up. Mr. Wm. Wheeler and

Mr. Rice supported the affirmative of the question, no one supporting the negative. The question was decided in the affirmative. The subject for discussion was: Is it right to take human life? Voted each member to pay 25 cents to meet the expences of the Lyceum. Ad[j]ourned for two weeks.

[Nov. 17, 1840] At a meeting of the members of the Lincoln Lyceum held at the centre school house on Tuesday Evening, Nov. 17th 1840, the following Gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year: Mr. Charles L. Tarbell, President. Mr. Wm. Colburn and Wm. F. Wheeler, vice Presidents. Henry Rice, Treasurer. Abel Wheeler, Corresponding Sec. Daniel Weston, Recording Sec. Abel Wheeler, Wm. F. Wheeler and Calvin Weston were chosen a committee on Questions. Henry Rice and Wm. Colburn were chosen a committee of order. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Dec. 1, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 1th 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. Rev. Daniel Stearns delivered a lecture on the importance of Lyceums and the importance of Female education. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Dec. 15, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 15th 1840. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture from Professor Fiske of Amherst upon the military character of General Harrison, commander of the northwestern army. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Dec. 29, 1840] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 29, 1840. The Lyceum were favoured with a lecture from Mr. Hill upon Opticks. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 5, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum January 5th 1841. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and heard a Lecture from Mr. Hill of Cambridge upon Opticks. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 12, 1841] The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture on teeth by Mr. Hichcock, of Boston. After the lecture the audience were favoured with the reading of several pieces from the Budgets of budgets. Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 19, 1841] The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture on Catholicism By C. S. Wheeler of Cambridge. The question for discussion: Were the measures in the last political campaign justifiable? Wm. Wheeler and Mr. Peet were the disputants. Not decided. A number of pieces were read from the Budget of bu[d]gets. Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 26, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum January 26, 1841. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. The budget was read, after which the question for discussion was taken up: Are the increased facilities between England and America beneficial to this country? Not decided. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 2, 1841] Feb. 2. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture from Mr. Thomas Hill, of Cambridge, upon the advantages of College education. After the lecture a large amount of budget was read. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 9, 1841] Feb. 9. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. Mr. George Farrar delivered a very able lecture upon democracy. After the lecture the budget was read. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 16, 1841] Feb. 16. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture by Mr. [] Bacon, of Boston, upon Electro Magnetism [sic]. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 23, 1841] Feb. 23. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture by Mr. T[homas] Hill, of Cambridge, upon the amusements of nations. A few articles from the budget of budgets [were read]. After the lecture there was a subject introduced: Do we sympathise more readily with the virtuous than with the vicious? Mr. Hill, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. A. Wheeler, Mr. J. Farrar [participated]. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 2, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum March 2, 1841. The Lyceun [sic] met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture from Rev. Mr. Newhall upon the regulation of our thoughts. After which they commenced a discussion upon the following subject: Is it probable that our government will continue as long as it has continued? Mr. James Farrar, Mr. Jonas Hartwell were the regular disputants. Mr. Peet took part in the discussion. Decided in the affirmative. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 9, 1841] March 9. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture from Dr. Chapin upon Physiology. After the lecture the subject for discussion was taken up: Which has the greatest influence in society: money or wealth? Col. Weston and Abel Wheeler were the regular disputants. Others took part in the discussion. Not decided. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 16, 1841] March 16. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture from Mr. Wm. Wheeler upon mathematics. The same subject was discussed which was taken up the last week. A number spoke upon it. Not decided. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 23, 1841] March 23. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and were favoured with a lecture from Mr. Banks, of Waltham. Voted to adjourn to Nov. next.

[Nov. 9, 1841] Lincoln, Nov. 9th 1841. The annual election of Officers for Lincoln Lyceum took place on the day above dated at the Centre School House; and the following gentlemen were chosen for the ensuing year: viz. Dr. Henry C. Chapin, President. Maj. Daniel Weston [and] Col. Calvin Weston, Vice Presidents. Mr. Abel Wheeler, Treasurer. Mr. William F. Wheeler, Cor. Sec'y. Leonard Spaulding, Rec'g Sec'y. Mr. Abel Wheeler, Dr. Chapin, Mr. Cha^s L. Tarbell: Committee on Questions. Mr. Abel Wheeler [and] Maj. D. Weston: Monitors, or Committee on Order. Voted to lay an assessment of Twenty five cents on each member of the Lyceum to defray the expenses of the Lyceum the ensuing winter. Adjourned to meet in two weeks.

[Nov. 23, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum Nov. 23rd 1841. The Lyceum were called to order and an introductory Lecture on the "Benefits of Lyceums and the Duties of its Members" was delivered by the President, Dr. Chapin. Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to pay out of the Treasury of the Lyceum to Samuel Newhall the sum of fifty cents ~~an evening to furnish the meetings of the Lyceum with lights the ensuing winter.~~ Voted that each meeting of the Lyceum be opened for the business of the Society at half past six; that the Lectures commence at Seven and that the meetings be not continued after nine O clock. Voted that the Secretary be requested to post up notices of all the meetings of the Society. Voted to continue the publication of the "Budget of Budgets" the coming winter. Adjourned for one week.

[Nov. 30, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum Nov. 30th 1841. Rev. Stephen T. Allen, of Merrimac, N. H., delivered a Lecture on "Egypt." Adopted the following Question for a subject of Discussion the ensuing meeting: "What is the best method of Teaching Spelling in our Common Schools?" Adjourned for two weeks.

[Dec. 14, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum. Dec. 14th. 1841. The night being stormy, only a few members met, and they, the meeting being called to order, voted to adjourn for one week.

[Dec. 21, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum. Dec. 21st 1841. The Question proposed the 30th Dec. was discussed, after which it was dismissed by vote of the society. After the Discussion, "The Budget of Budgets" was read by Mr. W. F. Wheeler. The Secretary was requested to read at the opening of each meeting the proceedings of the preceding meeting. Voted that the President choose two Disputants to take the lead in Discussion at the following meeting. Capt. Pierce & Mr. W. F. Wheeler were chosen for the next Lyceum. Question: "Are any Passions shown by Men wholly injurious in their tendency?" Voted that the meeting

and Lecture commence half an hour earlier than was voted 23rd Nov. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Dec. 28, 1841] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 28th 1841. The Lyceum, according to adjournment, met and were called to order by the President. After reading the proceedings of the last meeting, it was Voted that the Secretary be instructed to amend the record by inserting the following, viz.: "A very good Lecture on Spelling was delivered by Mr. Leonard Spaulding." The Lyceum were then favoured with a Lecture on the tendencies of our Republican institutions by Mr. Eliphalet Burchard, of Cambridge. The Lyceum next took up the question adopted for discussion at the last meeting, and Messrs. L. Pierce, H. C. Chapin, D. M. Stearns, C. Weston, A. Wheeler, J. Smith, and W. F. Wheeler took part in the discussion. Voted that the question be laid on the table. The following question was adopted for discussion: Are professional men, and men following exclusively literary pursuits, better qualified to fill the highest offices in the gift of the people than Farmers and Mechanics with the common means of Education, such as are afforded by our common schools, Lyceums &c.? And Messrs. A. Wheeler, C. L. Tarbell, A. Hagar and F. Newhall were appointed to lead in the discussion. After which the Budget of Budgets was read and the Lyceum Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 4, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 4th 1842. The Lyceum being disappointed in expectation of a Lecturer, a vote was taken requesting Mr. W. F. Wheeler to read a printed discourse; and he accordingly read an article by Carlyle on "The Signs of the Times." After which the question laid on the table at the previous meeting was called up and remarks made upon it by Capt. Pierce, Messrs. A. Wheeler & W. Wheeler & J. Smith, Col. Weston & L. Spaulding. The President decided the question according to the weight of argument, giving the affirmative the preponderance. The society then voted to defer the question proposed at the last meeting till the following Lyceum. Adjourned for one week.

[Jan. 11, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 11th 1842. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by Maj. Daniel Weston, one of the Vice Presidents. A call was made for business. A motion was made by Mr. W. F. Wheeler, & carried by vote of the Society, that the President decide, in future, questions that have been discussed, according to their merit, and not according to the weight of argument. Voted that when the Lyceum adjourn, it adjourn for two weeks. No farther business being before the Society, Rev. Charles M. Bowers, of Lexington, was introduced and delivered a Lecture on the "Rise and Present Condition of Russia." After the Lecture the Question proposed the 28th of Dec. was read & discussed at some length; after which it was voted to lay it on the table. The Vice President then appointed Capt. Levi Pierce, Messrs. Jonas Smith, E. Burchard & W. F. Wheeler leading disputants for the next question to be adopted. But before a Question was selected, the audience became impatient and broke up in disorder.

[Jan. 25, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 25th 1842. Pursuant to adjournment, the Lyceum met and was called to order by the President. After the reading of the records, the audience were entertained by an experimental Lecture on "The Air" by Mr. [] Hill, of Cambridge. The Lecture was followed by the reading of the Budget of Budgets. The following question was voted for Discussion at the following Lyceum: "Are the Principles & Measures now in vogue for the promotion of Temperance worthy of support & countenance?" Adjourned for two weeks.

[Feb. 8, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum. Feb. 8th 1842. Agreeably to adjournment, the Lyceum met and was called to order by Col. Weston. No Lecturer having been procured, it was voted that the Secretary address the meeting. He offered some remarks on "The Lead Mines of Missouri." The question proposed at the previous meeting was discussed by Capt. Pierce, Dr. Chapin & Mr. J. Smith in the affirmative; & by Messrs. Burchard & Wheeler in the negative. After discussion the President decided it in the affirmative. A motion was made that no one leave the house from the opening of the Lyceum till its close without permission from the chair. This motion was withdrawn and another substituted and carried: viz.: That no person leave the house while any speaker is upon the floor. Messrs. A. Wheeler & W. F. Wheeler, Dr. Chapin & L. Spaulding were appointed disputants for

the ensuing meeting. Question: "Will the proposed Rail Road going through a part of Lincoln be a benefit to the town?" No regular adjournment was made, but the audience broke up with the impression that one week was the proper time to adjourn to.

[Feb. 15, 1842] Feb. 15th 1842. Lyceum met according to previous notice; was called to order by the Pres. & the minutes of the last meeting were read. No Lecturer was present. Mr. Parks made a motion to take up the question laid on the table Jan. 11th, which was carried. Previous to discussing it, a committee consisting of Mr. C. L. Tarbell & W. F. Wheeler were chosen to wait on Rev. Mr. Newhall & invite him to repeat before the Lyceum a Lecture delivered last winter. They returned & reported his acceptance of the invitation. Mr. Newhall soon appeared & delivered his Lecture "On The Proper Regulation of The Thoughts." After the lecture, the Secretary was called to the chair, the question which had been called up was discussed in the negative by Dr. Chapin, & decided by the chair in the affirmative. Voted to lay the question on the Rail Road over to the next Lyceum. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 22, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 22nd 1842. Pursuant to adjournment the Lyceum met & was called to order by the President. After reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, the attention of the Lyceum was called to a Lecture by Mr. [] Thayer, of Cambridge, "On the different Theories of the World's Creation." *Voted to relay over the Rail Road Question. Voted to adjourn for one Evening. *Two articles from the Budget of Budgets were read.

[Feb. 23, 1842] 1842. Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 23rd. Agreeably to adjournment the Lyceum met & listened to a Lecture from Mr. Thayer "On Fixed Stars & Nebula." After the Lecture voted to throw out the Rail Road question. Voted to take up and discuss the following Question, viz: "Ought the rate per cent of money at interest to be established by law?" It was discussed & decided by vote of the Lyceum. Voted to adopt the following Question for the ensuing Lyceum, viz.: "If Great Britain Persist in holding the disputed land on our eastern frontier, will it be policy in the United States to engage in War?" Adjourned for two weeks.

[Mar. 8, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum March 8th 1842. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. The[re] was no lecture. The Secretary made some remarks on the North Eastern boundary line. The Question proposed for discussion was laid before the Lyceum, & Mr. W. F. Wheeler advocated the affirmative, but no one appeared in the negative. A decision was called for and was given by the chair in the affirmative. The Chairman of the School Committee, at the request of the Society, read the annual Report of the Schools. After the reading of the Report, Mr. Jonas Smith proposed the following question: "Is the use of Personality in School Reports beneficial?" It was discussed by Mr. Smith and A. Wheeler and laid on the table by vote of the Society. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 15, 1842] March 15th 1842. Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to a Lecture by Mr. George Farrar "On the Resources of Democracy to Perpetuate Republican Institutions." The Question agitated at the previous meeting was called up, & after some remarks on it, it was voted to lay it under the table. Two articles from the "Budget of Budgets" were read. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 22, 1842] A Snow Storm an[d] no Lyceum.

[Apr. 12, 1842] April 12th 1842. Lyceum met according to previous notice and listened to a Lecture from Mr. Wheeler (W^m F.) on the Necessity of Knowledge for the Preservation of Liberty. The Treasurer Reported that the Expenses of the Lyceum for the past winter were one dollar and forty cents: fifty cents paid Samuel Newhall for lighting [sic] the house and ninety cents for Oil. The Sum raised by assessment was four dollars and fifty cts. Leaving a bal. in the Treasury of \$3.08. A committee was chosen consisting of Dr. Chapin & Leonard Spaulding, the Treasurer being included, to examine into the debts of the Society and pay each creditor his proportional part of the balance now in the Treasury. Voted to adjourn to the first tuesday in November.

[Nov. 11, 1842] Lincoln Nov. 11th 1842. The Lyceum was notified to meet on the 8th but owing to a storm it was defer[r]ed. Members of the Lyceum being together this evening the following Officers were chosen. Dr. Henry C. Chapin, Pres. Rev. Daniel M. Stearns [and] Col. Calvin Weston, vice Pres's. Abel Wheeler, Esq., Cor. Sec'y. Leonard Spaulding, Rec. Sec'y. *Charles L. Tarbell, Esq., Treasurer. Mr. Abel Wheeler, Treasurer. Adjourned to Tuesday 15th inst.

*Refused to serve as Treasurer.

[Nov. 15, 1842] [Adjourned to Tuesday 15th inst. When the Committee on Order & Questions were chosen. On Order: Messrs. William Colburn Abel Wheeler. On Questions: William F. Wheeler, Esq. Leonard Spaulding Abel Wheeler, Esq. Voted to lay an assessment of twenty five cents on each member of the Lyceum to defray the expenses of the coming winter. Voted: To adjourn to the 29th inst.

[Nov. 29, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Nov. 29th 1842. Met according to adjournment. Lecture by Rev. Stephen T. Allen On the Accumulation & Combination of Thought in the Formation of Character. Question for next Lyceum: "Do the Works of Nature Interest the minds of Men more than the Works of Art? Voted to adjourn to Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th, 1842.

[Dec. 14, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 14th 1842. Lyceum Met according to adjournment & were favored with a Lecture On Education by Rev. S. J. May, of Lexington. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Dec. 28, 1842] Lincoln Lyceum Dec. 28th 1842. The Lyceum met & listened to a Lecture On the Life & Character of Mahomet by Mr. [] Ripley, Jr., of Waltham. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 10, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 10, 1843. Lyceum met. The Lecturer not coming, the Secretary read a Lecture on the History of the Puritans. After which a Discussion was held on the Question proposed Nov. 29th 1842. Decided by vote of the Society in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 18, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum Jan. 18, 1843. Rev. George Frost, of Wayland, lectured On the Nature & Influence of Literature. Voted to adopt this Question for Discussion: viz.: Will Public Sentiment, independent of Human Law, ever ensure the Complete Triumph of the Temperance Cause? Adjourned for two weeks.

[Feb. 1, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 1st 1843. Owing to bad Travelling only a few persons met. No Lecture. Voted to adjourn for One week.

[Feb. 8, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 8th 1843. Lyceum met. The Secretary called the meeting to order in the absence of the President. Voted & made choice of Mr. Charles L. Tarbell for Chairman. Lecture by W^m H. Johnson on the Character & Station of Women. Voted to adjourn for one Week.

[Feb. 15, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 15th 1843. A few persons met but had no Lecture on account of the Storm.

[Feb. 22, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum Feb. 22nd 1843. Pursuant to Notice, the Lyceum met. Lecture on "Geology" by Mr. Augustus Weston. After the Lecture, the Question proposed Jan. 18th 1843 was taken up & discussed. Decided in the Negative. Voted to adopt the following for the next meeting: "Ought Secret Balloting to be allowed by Law?" Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Mar. 1, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum March 1st 1843. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. A Lecture by Rev. [] Stone On School Houses. No Discussion. Voted to adjourn for 2 weeks.

[Mar. 15, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum March 15th 1843. Lyceum met. No Lecturer. The Secretary occupied the Evening with a Description of the Human Skull. After which the Question proposed the 22nd of Feb. was discussed [sic] & decided in the Negative. Voted to adjourn for one Week.

[Mar. 22, 1843] Lincoln Lyceum March 22nd 1843. Lyceum met according to adjournment. Being disappointed in an expected Lecturer, the Secretary continued the Description of the Head. After which the Question following was taken up, viz: "Was the Commander Makenzie, of the Brig Somers, justified in hanging a part of the Crew, in their late Mutiny?" It was discussed by Messrs. P. Edwards, Clark, W. F. Wheeler, Rev. D. M. Stearns, C. Hartwell, in the Affirmative; by Messrs. Smith, A. Wheeler, G. Hartwell, E. Edwards, Capt. Pierce in the Negative, and decided by a vote of the Lyceum in the Affirmative. A vote was then taken to Discuss the following Question at the next meeting, viz: "Will the Introduction of the Higher Branches of Study into our Schools in their Present State be beneficial to them?" By Higher are meant Branches of a Higher order than those absolutely required by Law. Voted to adjourn for one Week.

[Mar. 29, 1843] Lyceum met. No Lecturer. The Question proposed at the last Lyceum was taken up & Discussed by W. F. Wheeler & Col. Weston in the Affirmative & by A. Wheeler & Dr. Chapin in the Negative. The Secretary occupied the chair by request of the President. Voted to lay the Question on the Table. Voted to adjourn to Tuesday evening April 4th proximo.

[Apr. 4, 1843] Lincoln April 4th 1843. Lyceum met. No Lecturer. Mr. Abel Wheeler read the Annual Report of the Schools. It was voted to allow the President Seventy five cents for furnishing the oil during the winter. Oil .75 Paid Samuel Newhall for lighting house .50 Vote to pay Mr. Keyes' expense from Concord. .75 ... Paid Francis Newhall for Bringing & returning Mr. May from Lexington .67. Whole expense for the season: \$2.67. Voted the thanks of the Society to Mr. George Weston for his services in procuring 2 Lecturers. Money collected during the season: \$4.25 In the hands of the Treasurer collected [in] 1841: 3.08 Still in the hands of the Treasurer. 4.66. Voted that the Committee appointed April 12th 1842 be a committee this year to pay out to the creditors of the Soc. their proportional part of the Surplus in the hands of the Treasurer. The Question laid on the Table at the previous meeting was taken up & discussed. Decided by vote of the Society: 7 in the affirmative & 5 in the Negative. Mr. Charles Brown, Chair'm. Voted to adjourn to the First Tuesday in Nov.

[August 24, 1843] The committee chosen above met on the 24th August 1843 and disposed of the money in the hands of the Treasurer in the following manner. After deducting the annual assessments of the creditors, the liabilities of the Lyceum were found as follows: viz. To William F. Wheeler \$4.00. Charles L. Tarbell \$3.00. Abel Wheeler \$2.00. Henry C. Chapin \$1.00. Paid each creditor his per cent of the money in the hands of Treasurer, it being \$4.66

H. C. Chapin	Viz. To William F. Wheeler	1.864	
L. Spaulding	To Charles L. Tarbell	1.398	
A. Wheeler	To Abel Wheeler	.932	
	To Henry C. Chapin	.466	\$4.66

[Dec. 17, 1844] Lincoln Dec. 17, 1844. The members of the Lincoln Lyceum met according to adjournment, & after some discussion voted to have a Lyceum and proceeded to choose of Officers: Chose Jonas Smith, President. W. F. Wheeler [and] Albert Hagar, Vice Presidents. Webster Smith, Recd Secr. Dexter Wheeler, Co^r Sec^r. Dexter Wheeler [and] Abel Wheeler, Committee on order. Wm. F. Wheeler, Henry C. Chapin, C. L. Tarbell, Com[m]ittee on questions. Schuyler Parks, Treasurer. Voted to lay an assessment of twenty five cents on each member of the Lyceum to defray the expences of the coming winter. Voted that the President appoint two disputants to discuss the following question: Are men governed more by their own opinions than by the opinions of others? Voted to adjourn to the next Tuesday evening at six oclock.

[Dec. 24, 1844] Lincoln Dec. 24, 1844. The Lincoln Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President and proceeded to business. Voted that the secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting. Voted to attend to the discussion of the question adopted at a previous meeting, viz: Are men governed more by their own opinions than by opinions of others? The affirmative of the question was supported by Messrs. Silsby, Parks, Wheeler, & Weston. The negative by Messrs. Chapin and Stearns. Decided in the Negative by a

vote of the house. The President appointed two leading disputants, viz. W^m F. Wheeler & James Farrar, Jr., & they chose each three aids. Voted that they select their own question for discussion. Selected the following, viz. Have the indians of this country been treated worse than the slaves? Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 7, 1845] Lincoln Jan. 7th 1844 [sic] The Lincoln Lyceum met agreeable to adjournment & was called to order by the Vice President. After reading the proceedings of the last meeting, attended to the discussion of the question, adopted at the last meeting, viz. Have the indians of this country been treated worse than the slaves? It was discussed by Messrs. James Farrar, Jr., & Henry C. Chapin in the affirmative & Horace Silsby in the negative. Decided in the negative by a vote of the house. The President appointed two leading disputants for the next evening, viz. Maj. Daniel Weston & Colo. Calvin Weston. Voted to discuss the following question: Would it be beneficial to this country to have the term of naturalization extended from five to twenty one years? Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 14, 1845] Lincoln Jan. 14th 1844 [sic] The Lincoln Lyceum met agreeable to notice and was called to order by the President. Was favoured with a lecture upon Greek Mathematics by Mr. Hill of Cambridge. After which the Lyceum voted to thank Mr. Hill for his edifying & instructive lecture. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 28, 1845] Lincoln Jan. 28th 45. The Lincoln Lyceum met agreeable to adjournment and was called to order by the Vice President. After some miscellaneous conversations Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Nov. 15, 1845] Lincoln Nov. 15th 45. Lyceum met according to previous notice and so few members being present voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Dec. 2, 1845] Dec. 2^d '45. Lyceum met according to adjournment and proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing winter. The following officers were chosen. Henry C. Chapin, Pres. Charles L. Tarbell George Hartwell, Vice Pres. Jonas Hartwell, Rec^d Sec. William F. Wheeler, Cor^y Sec. Calvin Smith, Treas. George Stearns, Col^{tr}. Voted to adjourn two weeks.

[Dec. 16, 1845] Dec. 16th. Lyceum met according to adjournment and chose the following committies [sic]: On Order: Dexter Wheeler Abel Wheeler. On Questions: Mr. J. Davis, William Foster, J. L. Chapin. Voted the teachers of the district schools members. Listened to a lecture from Rev. Mr. Bowers, for which thanks were voted him. Voted that the President see to lighting the house. Voted to adopt the following question for discussion the next meeting: "Is man governed more by his fancy than his judgment?" The President appointed Charles Hartwell, Elijah Edwards, J. Davis, J. L. Chapin leading disputants. Voted to adjourn two weeks.

[Dec. 30, 1845] Dec. 30th '45. Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. No lecturer being provided, they proceeded to the discussion of the following question: "Is man governed more by his fancy than his judgment?" It was discussed in the affirmative by Messrs. Charles Hartwell, J. Davis, Jonas Hartwell, Daniel Stearnes. In the negative by Elijah Edwards, J. L. Chapin, Col. Weston, Henry C. Chapin. Not decided. Voted to procure a lecturer for the next evening. Also voted to adopt the following question for discussion provided no lecturer can be obtained. [] The President appointed the following disputants: George Stearns, Ephraim Flint, Cornelius Fiske, Augustus Weston, Pierce Edwards, Edwin Stearns. Voted to adjourn two weeks.

[Jan. 13, 1846] Jan. 13th 1846. Lyceum [met] according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. No lecturer being provided they proceeded to the discussion of the following question: "Ought capital punishment to be abolished?" Which was sustained in the affirmative by Messrs. George Stearns, Augustus Weston, Pierce Edwards, J. Davis. In the negative by Ephraim Flint,

Edwin Stearns, Calvin Weston, Schuyler Parks, Daniel M. Stearns. Decided in the negative. Voted to have a lecture at the next meeting. Also selected the following question: "Which is the greater nuisance to society—the Liar or the Drunkard?" The President appointed Cornelius Fiske, Joseph Rice, Schuyler Parks, Ephraim Flint, Pierce Edwards as leading disputants. Voted to adjourn two weeks.

[Jan. 27, 1846] Jan. 27th '46. Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. They were favoured with a lecture from Rev. Mr. Hill. They then proceeded to the discussion of the question given out at the preceding meeting. Mr. Henry Rice opened the debate in the affirmative, no one following. After some delay, voted to adjourn two weeks.

[Feb. 10, 1846] Feb. 10th '46. Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. They were favoured with a lecture from Dr. Phelps, of Boston. No discussion. Voted to adjourn two weeks.

[Feb. 24, 1846] Feb. 24th 1846. Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. They were favoured with a lecture from Mr. William Johnson, of Roxbury, on the history of Ireland. After some delay, and some talking, they voted to adopt the following question for the next meeting, provided no lecturer could be obtained. "Which is the greater nuisance to society—Lying or Drunkenness?" Schuyler Parks, Abel Wheeler, Daniel M. Stearns, Calvin Weston were appointed by the President leading disputants. Voted to adjourn one week.

[Mar. 3, 1846] March 3^d '46. Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. They were favoured with a lecture from Esq. Rutter, of Waltham, for which thanks were voted him. Voted to adjourn one week.

[Mar. 10, 1846] March 10th '46 Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. They were favoured with [a] lecture from Mr. George Farrar upon the disadvantages of combining clergy and state, for which he received their thanks. Voted to adjourn one week.

[Dec. 8, 1846] Lincoln Dec. 8th 1846. The Lincoln Lyceum met according to adjournment and proceeded to choose officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were chosen. Dr. Henry C. Chapin, President. Mr. Augustus Weston, 1st. Vice President. Pierce Edwards, 2d. Vice President. J. Lorin Chapin, Recording Secretary. Calvin Smith, Treasurer. Charles L. Tarbell, Geo. Weston [and] Francis Newhall—Prudential Committee. Orland Smith, Richard Hall [and] J. Lorin Chapin—Committee on Questions. Geo. Weston, Calvin Smith [and] Henry C. Chapin—Committee to light the House. The chair appointed the following disputants: Orland Smith, J. L. Chapin, Webster Smith, Dexter Willis, Cyrus Smith, Dexter Wheeler and adopted the following Question: Is the present war with Mexico justifiable on the part of the United States? Voted to adjourn 2 weeks from this evening at half past 6 oclock.

[Dec. 23, 1846] Lincoln Dec. 23, 1846. The Lyceum was called to order by the President and they proceeded to the discussion of the Question, Is the present war with Mexico justifiable on the part of the United States? and was discussed by J. L. Chapin and Webster Smith in the affirmative, and Orland Smith, W^m F. Wheeler and Chs. L. Tarbell in the negative, and was decided by a vote of the house in the negative. They then proceeded to choose a Corresponding Secretary and made choice of W^m F. Wheeler. The Question adopted for discussion at the next meeting: Has the human race made a progress in moral and civil freedom commensurate with the progress of science and the mechanic arts? The disputants appointed were the following: W^m F. Wheeler, Francis Newhall, Elijah Edwards, Jr., J. L. Chapin. Then voted to adjourn to two weeks from last evening.

[Jan. 5, 1847] Lincoln Jan. 5, 1847. The Lyceum was called to order by the President, and they voted to choose a collector, and Mr. W^m F. Wheeler was accordingly chosen and instructed to take a contribution this evening. They then listened to a lecture on the Modern History of Mexico from Marshall Tufts, of Lexington. They then proceeded to discuss the Question, Has the Human race made a progress in moral and civil freedom commensurate with the progress of science and the mechanic arts? which was discussed in the affirmative by W^m F.

Wheeler, and in the negative by J. L. Chapin and Orland Smith, and decided by a vote of the house in the affirmative. The following Question was adopted for the next meeting: Are the present customs of society in this country calculated to develop the mental and physical powers of its young men? The following disputants were appointed: Webster Smith, Edwin Stearns, Abel Wheeler, Orland Smith, Francis Smith, Francis Newhall—Disputants. Voted to adjourn for two weeks from this evening at 6 1/2 o'clock.

[Jan. 19, 1847] Lincoln Jan. 19, 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment with the President in the chair and listened to a lecture from Henry Thoreau, of Concord, for which the society voted their thanks. They then proceeded to the discussion of the Question: Are the present customs of society in this country calculated to develop the mental and physical powers of its young men?—which was argued by O. Smith, in the affirmative, and J. L. Chapin, W^m F. Wheeler, and H. C. Chapin, in the negative, and decided in the Affirmative by a vote of the house. The President then appointed the following disputants for the next meeting: W^m F. Wheeler, Orland Smith, Edwin Stearns, Francis Newhall, Cornelius Fiske, John Farrar. They then adopted the following Question for discussion at the next meeting: Which has the greater influence on society—the man of talents or the man of character? Voted to adjourn for two weeks from this evening at 6 1/2 o'clock.

[Thoreau at this time was living at Walden Pond and was to continue there until the following September. This lecture is not recorded by Walter Harding, "A Check List of Thoreau's Lectures," BNYPL, LII (1948), pp. 78-87. Since, twenty-two days later, on Feb. 10, Thoreau lectured before the Concord Lyceum on "The History of Myself," it is highly probable that he tried it out in Lincoln and that Lincoln deserves the honor of being the first audience to hear the account of what later became Walden. If not, then Thoreau probably lectured on the "Writings and Style of Thomas Carlyle," which he had delivered in Concord a year earlier and which was then in the press—to appear in February, 1847. in Graham's Magazine. See Correspondence (1958), pp. 173-174.. See also page 220 infra.]

[Feb. 1, 1847] Lincoln Feb. 1, 1847. The Lyceum met and was called to order by the President, who introduced as a lecturer Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of Weston, to whom they listened to an interesting lecture on Education. They then voted to have a discussion and accordingly proceeded to discuss the Question, Which has the greater influence on society, the man of talents, or the man of character? Orland Smith, Cornelius Fiske, and H. C. Chapin supporting the Affirmative, and Edwin Stearns, Jonas Smith, J. L. Chapin, and Col. Calvin Weston, the Negative. The question was decided by a vote of the house, according to the weight of argument in the Negative, and according to the merits of the question in the Affirmative. They adopted the following Question for the next meeting: Which are the greater curiosity—the works of Nature or the works of Art? The following gentlemen were appointed disputants for the next meeting: Col. Calvin Weston, Mr. Dexter Wheeler, Cornelius Fiske, Leonard Weston, Jonas Hartwell, Francis Smith, J. L. Chapin, Orland Smith—Disputants. Then voted to adjourn to Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, 1847, at 6 o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Feb. 16, 1847] Lincoln Feb. 16, 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and no lecturer being provided they proceeded to the discussion of the question, Which are the greater curiosity, the works of Nature or the works of Art? Col. Calvin Weston, H. C. Chapin and J. L. Chapin on the Affirmative; and O. Smith on the Negative of the question. Decided in the Negative by a vote of the house. The following gentlemen were appointed as disputants at the next meeting: Webster Smith, Edwin Stearns, Albert Hagar, Francis Smith, Charles Davis, Abel F. Hartwell, Lamuel H. Pierce, Reuben Trowbridge. And the following question adopted for discussion at the next meeting: Is it expedient for citizens to obey all laws whether just or unjust? Voted to adjourn for one week from this evening at half past six o'clock.

[Feb. 23, 1847] Lincoln Feb. 23, 1847. The meeting was called to order by the President at 7 1/4 o'clock and no lecturer being provided they voted to discuss the question: Is it expedi[en]t to obey all laws whether just or unjust? After waiting for some time and no one saying anything the motion was made to decide the question, which was voted. Immediately a motion was made to reconsider the vote and this also being carried the discussion commenced: Webster Smith and Orland Smith supporting the Affirmative, and Edwin Ste[a]rns, Francis Smith and W^m. F. Wheeler, the Negative of the question. Decided in the Affirmative. During the discussion they voted to confine the question to the statute laws of our own country. The President then appointed the following disputants for the next meeting: Edward F. Hagar, Cornelius Fiske, Webster Smith, Orland Smith, Edwin Stearns, J. L. Chapin, Col. Calvin Weston, Schuyler Parks. The following question was adopted for discussion: Do males exercise greater influence on society than Females? J. L. Chapin, Rec. Sec.-

[Mar. 2, 1847] Lincoln March 2, 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to a lecture on Oratory or Eloquence from Ralph Waldo Emerson, of Concord, Mass. Then Voted that the thanks of the Lyceum be given to Mr. Emerson for this and other favors. The question for discussion was postponed till another meeting. A suggestion was then made that this was a proper time to do something for the relief of the starving poor in Ireland, and accordingly a committee was chosen to collect aid for them throughout the town. Voted to adjourn for one week from this evening at half past six o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

{ [Although listed in William Charvat's Emerson's American Lecture Engagements: A Chronological List, N.Y., 1961, p. 23, as delivered in "the school house," the subject is not given. Emerson delivered the same lecture before the Concord Lyceum on Feb. 24.]

[Mar. 9, 1847] Lincoln March 9, 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to a lecture from Mr. [] Thayer of Cambridge on the Early History of the New England colonies, which he illustrated by a number of very ancient works on New England. Voted not to discuss the question which was put over at the last meeting. After that voted to reconsider the vote not to discuss the question and proceeded to the discussion of the question: Do Males exercise greater influence on society than Females? The question was discussed by Messrs. Webster Smith and Edwin Stearns in the Aff. and Orland Smith, Col. Calvin Weston and Mr. Thayer in the Neg. and was decided in the Neg. by a vote of the house. The President appointed the following Disputants for the next meeting: W^m F. Wheeler, Francis Smith, Col. Calvin Weston, Elijah Edwards, Jr., Orland Smith, and the North School Master. Adopted the following question: Which have recieved [sic] the greater injury from the Whites—the Negroes or Indians? Voted to adjourn for one week from this evening at 7 o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Mar. 16, 1847] Mar. 16, 1847. The Lyceum listened to a lecture from Rev. Mr. [] Hill, of Waltham.

[Mar. 23, 1847] March 23 1847. Lecture from Wiles. Mr. Rice's Bill for oil \$1.37 Willis for oil .25 Willis for lighting house .50 Paid Willis \$2.12. Paid Weston for Lamp \$3.50 1 box 1.50 Filling lamp .20 Amt. \$5.21 Geo. Weston Reci[el]ved of Calvin Smith 3.00. Due Weston \$2.21.

[Nov. 30, 1847] Lincoln Nov. 30th 1847. The Lyceum was called to order by the Secretary and proceeded to ballot for a president and made choice of: Dr. Henry C. Chapin. Elijah Edwards, Jr., 1st Vice President. Webster Smith, 2nd do. Edwin M. Stearns, Recording Secretary. James Farrar, Corresponding do. William F. Wheeler, Collector [sic] & Treasurer. Charles L. Tarbell, George Weston, Albert Hagar—Prudential Committee. Seth Tobey, Joshua B. Gould, J. Loring Chapin, Webster Smith, John D. Sherman—Committee on Questions. Voted to meet once a week. Voted that the leading disputants be appointed by the chair and that they be six in number. The following gentlemen were appointed for the next meeting: Joshua B. Gould, Seth Tobey, Jonas Hartwell, J. L. Chapin, Charles Hartwell, Webster Smith. They adopted the following question: Is the present war with Mexico justifiable on the part of the United States? Voted to choose a committee of three to revise and amend the constitution and bye-laws of the Lyceum and made choice of Webster Smith, L. C. Chapin, E. M. Stearns. The Lyceum then adjourned for one week.

[Dec. 7, 1847] Dec. 7th 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President. The committee chosen to revise the constitution reported and the report was accepted. Motioned that a committee of three be chosen to [?] signatures to the constitution but was not carried. Voted that the President invite very politely all present to sign the constitution, but the constitution not being ready for signatures none were obtained. The discussion was then opened by Mr. J. B. Gould. After he had spoken the President appointed Messrs. Abel Wheeler, Cyrus Smith & Geo. Weston to hear the arguments and decide the question. The discussion then proceeded and was carried on by Messrs. J. B. Gould, J. Hartwell, & W. Smith in the affirmative; & Messrs. S. Tobey, J. L. Chapin & C. Hartwell in the negative. After they had spoken about three hours the decision was called for. Mr. A. Wheeler then rose and decided that the question had not been argued in the least and therefore he could not decide it. It was then voted that the discussion be continued another week. Motioned that the disputants be discharged but was voted down. Then motioned that 4 be added to the list to take the lead in the next discussion but was rejected. Motioned that the Prudential Committee examine into the state of the large lamp and devise some plan to make it give more light on the subject. Adjourned for one week.

[Dec. 14, 1847] Lincoln Dec. 14th 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to a lecture from Rev. Mr. [] Jackson. After that discussed the same question as at the last meeting. Decided in the affirmative. The secretary not being present no farther account can be given.

[Dec. 22, 1847] Lincoln Dec. 22 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment, expecting a lecture from Mr. Marshall Tufts, but the audience not being large enough to satisfy the gentleman he refused to lecture. A discussion was carried on the rest of the evening. The secretary being unable to attend, did not know what the question was. Voted to adjourn till the next Friday.

[For interesting details concerning Marshall Tufts, of Lexington (1802-1855), his odd personality, and his possible influence on a generation of Harvard students, see Kenneth W. Cameron, "Thoreau on Harvard College—a Debt to Marshall Tufts?" Emerson Society Quarterly, no. 43 (II Quarter 1966), pp. 2-33.]

We the subscribers desirous of our own improvement in Knowledge, the advance of popular education and the diffusion of useful information throughout the community, and believing that these objects can be more certainly, easily, and fully accomplished by united than by individual exertion agree to associate under the name of the Lincoln Lyceum and adopt the following articles for a

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Any person may become a member of the Lyceum by signing the constitution and paying such assessments as shall be voted.

II. The officers of the society shall be a President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by ballot on such month and day as may be specified in the bye laws.

III. The President and in his absence, neglect or refusal to act one of the vice presidents shall preside over all meetings, preserve order, and perform all the duties usually attached to his office. The Treasurer shall receive [sic] and disburse monies. The recording Secretary shall record all votes and proceedings of the society. The corresponding Secretary shall read and answer all communications addressed to it.

IV. The society shall hold meetings for discussions, dissertations, lectures, and such other exercises as may be deemed expedient when and where it shall determine.

V. The President and three members shall have power to call at any time a special meeting which shall be legal if notice be given according to directions in the bye laws.

- VI. The society shall have power to pass such bye laws and regulations as shall be deemed by a majority necessary for the good management of its concerns.
- VII. Any member can withdraw by giving notice to the secretary and paying such assessments as are then due by him.
- VIII. Ladies may be admitted as members of the society by signing the constitution without being subject to assessments and enjoy all the privileges of members.
- IX. The foregoing articles may be altered, amended or annulled by a vote of two thirds of the members at any regular meeting.

BYE LAWS

- Art. I. The annual meeting shall be holden on the last Tuesday in November.
- II. The disputants shall be appointed by the President and shall be six in number.
- III. There shall be a committee of three chosen by the society to select questions and hand them in to the secretary.
- IV. There shall be a prudential committee chosen by the society to light and warm the house.
- V. The secretary shall read the list of questions and the disputants shall have the privilege of selecting such as they choose.
- VI. The disputants shall speak alternately as their names are called on the affirmative and negative unless they can make some different arrangement among themselves.
- VII. Every person appointed as a disputant shall speak or procure a substitute unless he can make a reasonable excuse.
- VIII. In all discussions the speaker shall address the President.

SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION

Henry C. Chapin	Elijah Edwards, Jr.	Chas. E. Smith	Samuel M. Newhall
Daniel Weston	George Flint	Augustus Weston	Webster Smith
Jonas Smith	Isaac M. Stearns	Benj. F. Alden	Francis Flagg
William W. Davis	Calvin Weston	Thomas Wheeler	Abel Wheeler
Dexter L. Willis	James L. Chapin	Leonard W. Weston	Calvin Smith
Ephraim Flint, Jr.	James Jones, Jr.	Levi F. Brooks	George Weston
Cyrus A. Smith	Lewis E. Smith	Jonas Hartwell	Edwin M. Stearns

[Dec. 31, 1847] Lincoln Dec. 31st 1847. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to a lecture from Rev. Mr. [] Atkinson. After the lecture had a discussion. The secretary still being unable to attend can give no account of it. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 7, 1848] Lincoln Jan. 7th 1848. The Lyceum met and was called to order by the 1st Vice President, the President being absent. The lecturer who was expected not making his appearance, it was proposed to discuss the question proposed at the last meeting, which was: Ought a young man in choosing a wife to look out for beauty or wealth? After several different statements and explanations of the question, it was found that the gentleman who invented the question, after living in the married state fourteen years, could not tell what kind of an animal a wife was so well now as he could 14 years ago, and not being able to get any more light on the subject and most of the disputants being absent, it was voted not to discuss the question. It was then voted to discuss the following question: Which is the greatest stimulus to action—the love of wealth or of honor. Mr. Webster Smith sustained the question on both sides; Mr. A. Weston on the side of wealth, and several other gentlemen spoke on no particular side. The question was decided in favor of honor. The following question [was] then selected for the next meeting: Ought females to have the same advan-

tages for an education as males? And the following gentlemen were appointed as disputants: Messrs. Ephraim Flint, Samuel Newhall, Webster Smith, Augustus Weston, E. M. Stearns, and W^m F. Wheeler. Three gentlemen were then appointed to declaim, viz. Francis Smith, George Flint, & George Brown. Voted to have a dialogue at the next meeting but one. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 14, 1848] Lincoln Jan. 14th. 1848. The Lyceum met as usual and was called to order by the president. After the reading of the report of the last meeting by the secretary [and] as we were again disappointed in obtaining a lecturer, the president read the question which was selected for discussion at the last meeting. The discussion was commenced by Mr. Ephraim Flint in the affirmative. The gentleman who was to reply to him having misunderstood the question declined saying anything. Mr. W. Smith then spoke on the affirmative. It was then ascertained that both the other gentlemen who were to uphold the negative were not present. Mr. E. M. Stearns came next on the list to speak on the affirmative. This gentleman who has a remarkable faculty of getting himself into a scrape, after having waited for some time for some one to volunteer on the negative and not liking to see such a one sided affair undertook without the least preparation to speak on that side. He was afterwards assisted by Mr. Samuel Newhall. The question was decided in the affirmative. The Lyceum was then favored with declamations by Messrs. Francis Smith, Samuel Newhall & Ephraim Flint. The president then appointed Messrs. Dexter Willis, Moses Brown, Francis Smith, Jonas Hartwell, Webster Smith, & E. M. Stearns as disputants for the next question, and Messrs. Cyrus G. Smith, George Flint, Elijah Edwards, Jr., & Levi F. Brooks to declaim. The question selected for discussion was: Which has been the greatest benefit to mankind—the printing press or the compass? Voted that in order to save time in the selection of questions that the first question on the list shall be taken unless some one makes objections and the objector shall propose some other question. The secretary was requested to go to the people present and solicit signatures to the constitution. He did and obtained 18—nearly all the gentlemen present. Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

[Jan. 28, 1848] Lincoln, Jan. 28th. 1848. The Lyceum met as usual, was called to order by the president, and was favored with a lecture on Science as an antidote for Superstition by Rev. Mr. Leland, of Lexington. After this the question which was selected for discussion at the last meeting was taken up. Messrs. Dexter Willis & Webster Smith spoke in favor of the press, and Messrs. Moses Brown, W. W. Davis & E. M. Stearns in favor of the compass. Decided that the compass had been the greatest benefit to mankind. After this the meeting was favored with declamations by Messrs. Levi F. Brooks & Samuel Newhall. The president then appointed Messrs. Samuel Newhall, Levi F. Brooks, W^m F. Wheeler, Dexter Wheeler, W^m W. Davis & Augustus F. Weston as disputants for the next meeting. They selected the following question: Is it justifiable to assist a slave to his freedom against the knowledge or will of his master or in opposition to the civil law that binds him? The following young gentlemen were invited to declaim: Geo. Hagar, Geo. Flint, F. Flint and Francis Wheeler. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 7, 1848] Lincoln Feb. 7th. 1848. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and was entertained by a lecture from the Rev. Mr. [] Jackson. After the lecture it was voted not to discuss the question which had lain over for some time. It was then proposed to adopt some method to defray the expenses of the lyceum. (About this time several persons found it necessary to leave the house.) It was voted to lay an assessment on each member. Mr. Wheeler, the collector and treasurer having refused to perform his duty, Dr. Chapin was chosen collector and Geo. Weston treasurer. \$2.26 was collected. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 14, 1848] Lincoln, Feb. 14, 1848. The Lyceum met and were called to order by the Vice President. They then listened to a lecture from the Rev. Mr. [] Crane, of Weston. After the lecture they discussed the question which was proposed on the 28th of January last. It was decided in the negative. The Vice President then appointed Messrs. D. F. Willis, A. F. Weston, Webster Smith, E. M. Stearns, Levi F. Brooks, & Samuel Newhall to discuss the following question: Would it be expedient to introduce dancing as an amusement. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 21, 1848] Lincoln Feb. 21st 1848. The Lyceum met according to adjournment. After being called to order they proceeded to the discussion of the question proposed at the last meeting. After a long and animated discussion it was motioned to suspend the rules and decide the question by a vote of the house according to its merits. Decided in the affirmative. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Nov. 28, 1848] Lincoln Nov. 28th 48. The Lyceum met agreeable to notice and proceeded to the cho[i]ce of officers. Chose Calvin Weston, President. W^m F. Wheeler, Vice President. E. M. Stearns, 2nd [Vice President]. Isaac M. Stearns, Rec. Secretary. Eph^m Flint, Jr. Cor. Secretary. George Weston, Treasurer & Collector. For prudential committee chose Abel Wheeler, Elijah Edwards and Jonas Hartwell. Chose J. L. Chapin, H. C. Chapin, Eph^m Flint Committee on Lestions [Questions]. Samuel H. Pierce, E. M. Stearns, J. L. Chapin and George Weston Committee to procure lecturers. J. L. Chapin, E. M. Stearns, Jonas Hartwell, Isaac M. Stearns, George Flint were chosen to discuss the followin[g] question: Which is the greatest curse to society—Lawyers or Doctors?

[Dec. 12, 1848] Lincoln Dec. 12 1848. The Lyceum met according to adjournment & was called to order by the Pressident [sic]. As there was no lecturer provided, they discussed the following Question: Which is the greatest evil to society—Lawyers or Doctors. Decided that Doctors are the greatest evil. A vote was passed to suspend the rules for the rest of the evening and discuss the following Question: Are Lawyers and Doctors an evil or a blessing to society? Decided by the Pressident [sic] that they are a blessing. A vote was passed to invite all strangers remaining in town the pressent [sic] winter to become members of the Lyceum. The Pressident appointed Oliver H. Brown, Abel Wheeler, Edward Hamilton, Webster Smith, Leonard Weston and Cyrus G. Smith disputants for the following Question the next evening: Ought Foreign Emigration to be prohibited? Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Dec. 18, 1848] The Lyceum met one evening previous to adjournment. Was called to order by the President. As there was no lecturer provided, they discussed the following question: "Ought foreigners to be allowed to settle in this country?" A vote was passed to suspend the Bye Laws in relation to deciding the question & was decided by the house in the affirmative. A vote was taken to choose a committee of three to apply for the Town House to hold their Lyceum in the next evening. Made choice of Abel Wheeler, Webster Smith and Edwin M. Stearns. The President then appointed Dr. Chapin, W^m F. Wheeler, Francis Smith, Charles Hartwell, Lewis E. Smith, James Jones, Jr., disputants for the following question the next evening: Do our intellectual attainments depend on our own efforts more than upon circumstances? Voted to adjourn for one week from Tuesday evening at 6 1/2 oclock.

[Dec. 26, 1848] Lincoln Dec. 26th 1848. Notwithstanding there was a singing school the same evening, the Lyceum met according to adjournment in the Town Hall. The "Lions of Lincoln" were determined not to be "muzzled." They meant to "roar" and to have a good place to "roar" in. The meeting was called to order by the President. A vote of the Lyceum was taken to "expunge" Bye Law No. 9. Chose committee of one to "expunge" it. Made choice of Isaac M. Stearns and it was duly "expunged." As there was no lecturer provided they then proceeded to discuss the following Question: Do our intellectual attainments depend on our own efforts? After a long and interesting discussion the question was decided by the Lyceum in the Negative. A vote was passed to have a paper edited to be read before the Lyceum. W^m F. Wheeler and Edwin M. Stearns were chosen Editors for the present winter. All persons interested are invited to write pieces for this paper. Oliver H. Brown, Edward Hamilton, Edwin M. Stearns, Webster Smith, Leonard Weston, and Isaac M. Stearns were appointed disputants for the following Question the next meeting: Is the present system of educating females calculated to make them useful members of society? Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 2, 1849] Lincoln Jan. 2nd 1849 The Lyceum met agreeable to adjournment. Was called to order by the Vice President. As there were but a few present they did not discuss the question. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 9, 1849] Lincoln Jan. 9, 1849 The lyceum met according to adjournment. Was called to order by the President. The lyceum was entertained with a lecture on the art of printing from Rev. Dr. [] Tohmppson [sic]. Voted: Not to have a discussion after the lecture. Voted to consider the question adopted at a previous meeting as discussed. Voted to have the same disputants at the next meeting that were chosen Dec. 26th. After a great deal of sputtering, they made choice of the following Question: Do railroads and simalar [sic] improvements exert a favourable influence on the morals of the community. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 16, 1849] Lincoln Jan. 16th / 49. The lyceum met according to adjournment. Was called to order by the President, and was entertained with a lecture from the Rev. Mr. Jackson. They then voted to have a discussion, but instead of proceeding to discuss the question they proceeded to squabble. As there was some that wanted another question, they voted to suspend the Bye Laws for the evening and chose the following question: Would it be expedient for the friends of freedom to insist this present winter upon the passage of a bill for the abolition of slavery in the district of Columbia? This question was sustained in the affirmative by Mr. Webster Smith & in the negative by Dr. Chapin. As there was no one else disposed to say anything, they voted to have the President decide the question. Decided in the affirmative. Voted to have the following Question for the next evening: Is the love of money as great an evil as the love of strong drink? Dr. Chapin, Abel Wheeler, W^m F. Wheeler, Ephriam [sic] Flint, Edwin M. Stearns and Webster Smith were appointed disputants. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 23, 1849] Lincoln Jan. 23^d 1849. The lyceum met according to adjournment. Was entertained with a lecture from the Rev. Thos. H. Mudge upon Irish emigration. The senior editor being unwell, the communications to the paper were not read. Voted not to have a discussion after the lecture. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Jan. 30, 1849] Lincoln, Jan. 30th 1849. The Lyceum met agreeable to adjournment and was called to order by the 2nd Vice President. Was entertained with a lecture from Mr. [] Chapin upon custom. The paper to be read in the lyceum was brought forward, but was not read on account of the absence of the editor. Voted not to have a discussion. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 6, 1849] Lincoln Feb. 6th. The lyceum met according to adjournment [and] was called to order by the President. Was entertained with a lecture from the Rev. Mr. [] Hill, of Waltham. There was no discussion after the Lyceum. Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 13, 1849] Lincoln Feb. 13. The lyceum met according to adjournment & was called to order by the President. As there was no lecturer provided, they voted to discuss the question proposed at a previous meeting, Viz. Is the love of money as great an evil as the love of strong drink? This question was sustained in the affirmative by Dr. Chapin, E. M. Stearns, James Jones, Jr., and Augustus Weston, and in the Negative by Webster Smith, Ephriam [sic] Flint, Jr., and Schuyler Parks. The question was decided by the lyceum in the affirmative. The following question was selected for the next evening: Does the present condition of this commonwealth require the reorganization of the Militia System? Voted to adjourn for one week.

[Feb. 20, 1849] Lincoln Feb. 20th 1849. The lyceum met according to adjournment. Was called to order by the 2nd Vice President. Was entertained with a lecture upon Astronomy by Mr. Ephriam Flint, Jr. A vote was passed to have a discussion after the lecture & the following question was discussed: Does the present condition of this commonwealth require the reorganization [sic] of the Militia System. This question was sustained in the affirmative by Schuyler Parks & Dr. Chapin, and in the negative by James Jones, Jr. Was decided by the lyceum in the affirmative. Voted to present a leather medal to each of the disputants that did not take part in the discussion the last evening for their services.

Calvin Smith, Dr. Chapin, John Hartwell, Webster Smith, Jonas Smith and Francis Smith were chosen disputants for the following question: [].

[Feb. 27, 1849] Lincoln Feb. 27th 1849. The Lyceum met as per adjournment. Was called to order by the President. As they were disappointed in not having a lecture, they discussed the following question: "Which exerts the greatest influence upon society—Agriculture or Manufactures?" This question was decided in favour of agriculture. W^m F. Wheeler, Abel Wheeler, Schuyler Parks, James Jones, Jr., E. M. Stearns and Oliver H. Brown were appointed disputants for the following question the next meeting: "Has the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks been of any benefit to the people of Massachusetts?" Adjourned for on[e] week.

[Mar. 6, 1849] Lincoln March 6th 1849. The Lyceum met according to Adjournment and was called to order by the President. They then listened to a lecture from Mr. Henry Thoreau, of Concord, taken from his journal of a life in the woods. There was no discussion after the lecture. Adjourned for one week.

{ [See page 213 above. This, too, was not listed in Walter Harding's "A Check List of Thoreau's Lectures," BNYPL, LII (1948), pp. 78-87. For interesting background of Thoreau's speaking engagements at this time, see Kenneth W. Cameron, "Damning National Publicity for Thoreau in 1849," American Transcendental Quarterly, no. 2 (II Quarter 1969), pp. 18-27.]

[Mar. 13, 1849] Lincoln March 13th 1849. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the 2nd Vice President. They then listened to a lecture from Rev. Dr. Thompson. Subject: Advice to young men. There was no discussion after the lecture. Adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 20, 1849] Lincoln Lyceum March 20th 1849. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and was favoured with a lecture from Rev. Luther Hamilton upon the life of Thomas Jefferson. After the lecture they voted not to discuss the question that was before the lyceum, that evening. It was then proposed to adopt some method to defray the expenses of the Lyceum, which was found to be about four Dollars. Voted to take up a collection, which was accordingly done. Adjourned for one week.

[Mar. 27, 1849] Lincoln Lyceum March 27, 1849. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and was called to order by the first Vice President. As they were disappointed in a lecturer & but a few present they voted to adjourn untill the first Tuesday in December, 1849.

[Dec. 4, 1849] Lincoln Dec. 4, 1849. The Lyceum met agreeably [sic] to a previous notice and proceeded to the choice of officers. In the absence of all the officers Mr. Henry Rice took the chair and called the meeting to order. After a few remarks by Dr. H. C. Chapin the following officers were chosen: President: Col. James Jones, Jr. First Vice President: Jonas Hartwell. Second Vice President: Levi F. Brooks. Recording Secretary: J. L. Chapin. Corresponding Secretary: J. L. Chapin. Treasurer: George Weston. Prudential Committee: Col. James Jones, Jr., J. L. Chapin, Augustus Weston. Committee on Lectures: Dr. H. H. Chapin, W^m F. Wheeler, Edwin M. Stearns. Committee on Questions: Mr. [] Bickford, Rev. W^m C. Jackson, Rev. Seth Alden. Voted to hold meetings once a week, the first meeting to be one week from this evening. Voted: That the Prudential Committee proceed to prepare and sell tickets for admission to the Lyceum for single individuals and also for families. Reconsidered. Voted: That the committee on lectures be requested to invite Rev. Mr. Alden to deliver the introductory lecture before the Lyceum. The two following questions were proposed but neither of them selected for discussion: What would be the best way of raising funds for the support of the Lyceum in Lincoln? and Is a tax as good a way of supporting the Lyceum as voluntary Contributions? The following gentlemen were appointed disputants: Dr. H. C. Chapin, Col. Jas. Jones, Jr., Geo. Weston, Jonas Hartwell, Edward Hagar, Augustus Weston. Voted: That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to the chairman of this meeting for his kind and benevolent services this evening. Adjourned till next Tuesday evening at 6 1/2 oclock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Dec. 11, 1849] Lincoln Dec. 11, 1849. The Lyceum met according to adjournment and listened to an excellent lecture on The Importance of Knowledge and its Attainment from Rev. Seth Alden. Voted: That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to Mr. Alden for his able and instructive Lecture this evening. After reading the records of the last meeting, voted to discuss the Question: Is a tax as good a way to support the Lyceum as voluntary contributions? Decided in the negative by the house. A list of questions was presented by the Committee on Questions and adopted by the Lyceum. Voted: That each member set the sum against his name that he will pay for the support of the Lyceum. Voted: That each member of the Lyceum give a lecture or procure a substitute, commencing alphabetically. Voted: That we reverse the alphabet and begin at the foot. Voted: To reconsider the last three votes respecting support of Lyceum. Voted: To reconsider the vote of the last meeting whereby the Prudential Committee are instructed to prepare and sell tickets for admission to the Lyceum. Voted: that all who are willing to support the Lyceum be invited to give their names and the sums they will pay. The following gentlemen were appointed disputants for the next meeting: Dr. H. C. Chapin, Abel Wheeler, Elijah Edwards, Jr., W^m F. Wheeler, George Weston, Edwin M. Stearns. And they adopted the following Question for Discussion: Ought Dancing to be supported? Voted to adjourn till next Tuesday evening at seven oclock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Dec. 18, 1849] Lincoln Dec. 18, 1849. Lyceum met at seven o'clock, and there being no lecturer provided the secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting. The disputants were then called upon to discuss the question: Ought dancing to be supported? And the first on the list moved that the question be laid upon the table, which was voted. After some remarks by several members a motion was made and carried to reconsider the last vote. The question was then discussed by those of the disputants present and by other members of the Lyceum till nine o'clock and then was decided by a vote of the house in the affirmative. Some questions were proposed by the committee on Questions and accepted by the Lyceum. The following gentlemen were appointed for Disputants: Mr. [] Bickford, Col. Calvin Weston, Mr. Leonard Weston, Mr. John D. Sherman, Mr. Cha^s L. Tarbell, Mr. Isaac M. Stearns. And they voted to adopt the following Question: Should a Representative of the people be bound by the will of his constituents? Voted to adjourn one week from this evening at half past six o'clock.

[Dec. 25, 1849] Lincoln Dec. 25, 1849. The Lyceum met at the time appointed with the president in the chair, and after reading the records of the last meeting by the secretary listened to a lecture upon The Whale Fishery by Mr. [] Hill. A collection was then taken up to pay the lec[tur]er for his services, and the sum of Two Dollars and Eighteen Cents collected. Then voted to adjourn for one week from this evening at seven o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Jan. 1, 1850] Lincoln Jan. 1, 1850. The Lyceum met at seven o'clock and after reading the proceedings of the last meeting by the secretary listened to a lecture upon "The Origin, Use, and Effects of Language" by Mr. [] Shipley of Pepperell. Voted: That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented the speaker for his eloquent and instructive lecture. After which voted to adjourn to one week from this evening at Seven oclock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Jan. 8, 1850] Lincoln Jan. 8, 1850. The Lyceum was called to order by the second Vice President and, after the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting, listened to a lecture upon The Whale Fishe[r]y from Mr. Hill. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the lecturer. After which Voted to adjourn one week from this evening at Seven o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Jan. 29, 1850] Lincoln Jan. 29, 1850. The Lyceum met at seven o'clock with the 1st. Vice President in the chair and listened to a lecture upon Meterology by Mr. [] Bickford. Voted that the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to Mr. Bickford for his interesting and instructive lecture. Voted to adjourn one week from this evening to meet at seven o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Feb. 12, 1850] Lyceum, Feb. 12, 1850. Met according to adjournment with the 1st Vice President in the chair. The Question adopted Dec. 18, 1849, was

called up and voted to abandon the same. The following gentlemen were appointed as disputants for this evening: Dr. H. C. Chapin, Elijah Edwards, Jr., Leonard Weston, W.^m F. Wheeler, Cornelius Fiske, Henry Rice. And the Question: Would it be practicable for the inhabitants of Lincoln to have a high school established in this town? was adopted and discussed and decided in the Affirmative. Voted to adjourn one week from this evening at Seven o'clock. Jas. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Feb. 19, 1850] Lincoln, Feb. 19, 1850. The Lyceum met according to adjournment with the President in the chair and after the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting by the secretary listened to a lecture upon the prospective character of the American people from Mr. [] Sears, of Waltham. Voted to adjourn for one week. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Mar. 5, 1850] Lincoln, March 5, 1850. The Lyceum met at seven o'clock and listened to a lecture upon Scientific Education in Common Schools by Rev. Mr. [] Hill, of Waltham. Voted that the thanks of the Lyceum be given to Rev. Mr. Hill for his very interesting lecture. Voted to adjourn one week from this evening at seven o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Mar. 12, 1850] Lincoln March 12, 1850. The Lyceum met at seven o'clock and listened to a Lecture upon The Elements of National Character by Rev. Ira Leland, of Lexington. Voted that the thanks of the Lyceum be given to Rev. Mr. Leland for his Lecture. Voted to adjourn one week from this evening at seven o'clock. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

[Mar. 19, 1850] Lincoln Mass. March 19, 1850. The Lyceum met and listened to a lecture upon The Limits of Human Knowledge by Rev. W.^m C. Jackson, of Lincoln. Voted the thanks of the Lyceum be tendered to Rev. Mr. Jackson for his lecture. Voted to adjourn till the First Tuesday in December next at six o'clock P.M. J. L. Chapin, Sec.

Lincoln, Mass. March 19, 1850

The Treasurer reports that he has

Received [<u>sic</u>] of the collector	\$9.25
Paid the expenses of Lecturers	\$6.25
Leaving a balance of	\$3.00
Paid Thomas Brooks for carrying Mr. Shipley25
	<u>\$2.75</u>

[Dec. 24, 1850] Dec. 24, 1850. The Lyceum met according to previous notice, and after a short preliminary discussion voted to continue the Lyceum, and proceeded at once to the election of Officers for the ensuing season. The following persons were chosen to fill the several offices, viz. For President, Col. James Jones. Vice Presidents, Edwin M. Stearns Webster Smith. Secretary, Robert Bickford. Treasurer, Leonard Weston. Prudential Com.: Jonas Smith, George Weston, Dr. Chapin. Com. on Lectures: William Wheeler, Charles Tarbell, Col. Jas. Jones. Com. on Questions: Mr. Parker, Joseph H. Sprague, Robert Bickford. After the election of officers, adjourned for two weeks. R. Bickford, Sec.

[Jan. 7, 1851] Lincoln Jan. 7, 1851. The Lyceum met according to adjournment, Col. Jones in the chair. After the reading of the records of the last meeting a Lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Hill, of Waltham, on Symmetry. The Lyceum tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. Hill for his entertaining Lecture and adjourned for one week. R. Bickford, Sec.

[Jan. 14, 1851] Lincoln, Jan. 14, 1851. Lyceum was called to order at 7 o'clock, Col. Jones in the Chair. The Records of the previous meeting were read, and the President then announced that the Hon. N. P. Banks would be unable to address the audience that evening on account of pressing public duties in Boston. On motion of Wm. Wheeler, Esq., the subject of the expenses of the Lyceum for the current term was taken up; after some discussion it was moved by Mr. Tarbell from the Com. on Lectures, and seconded by Mr. Wheeler of the same Com. that the expenses for Lectures be paid, as heretofore, by that Com. Lost. A motion was then made by Dr. Chapin to pass a subscription paper among the audience to raise funds for the support of the Lyceum. Carried. A paper was then circulated and

the sum of \$15.60 was subscribed. Voted, that the subscription list remain open to accommodate those who may wish to contribute hereafter. Voted to expend the above sum, and any addition that may be made to it, in procuring Lecturers for the remainder of the winter. A motion was then passed to extend an invitation to Mr. Ephraim Flint to deliver a Lecture in place of Mr. Banks. Mr. Flint very kindly accepted the invitation and gave a Lecture upon "The Duties and Responsibilities of young men." A vote of thanks was presented to Mr. F. for his very interesting Lecture, after which Voted to adjourn for one week. R. Bickford, Sec.

[Here follows a gap in the records.]

[Nov. 18, 1851] Lincoln Tuesday Nov. 18. The annual election of officers of the Lyceum took place at the Town Hall on the evening of the 18th of Nov. 1851. The meeting was called to order by Col. James Jones. E. M. Stearns was chosen Sec. Pro Tem. After some debate, voted that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to devise a plan for organising and supporting the Lyceum the coming winter. The following gentlemen were appointed to serve as a committee: Edwin M. Stearns, W^m F. Wheeler, Rev. Seth Alden, James L. Chapin, William Mackintosh [sic]. The committee reported the following plan: that a subscription be opened for the purpose of raising the sum of Fifty dollars for procuring good lectures; that if the sum of Fifty dollars can be raised the Lyceum will be carried on; if not, it will be given up. And that no subscription under Fifty cents will be received. Voted, that a committee of five be chosen to solicit subscriptions [sic]. Made choice of W^m F. Wheeler, W^m Mackintosh, J. L. Chapin, Col. J. Jones, E. M. Stearns. Voted to proceed to choice of officers for the ensuing winter. Made choice of the following gentlemen: President, James L. Chapin. 1st Vice President, Edwin M. Stearns. 2nd [Vice President] William Mackintosh. Rec'd Secretary, Leonard W. Weston. Cor. [Sec.], William F. Wheeler. Treasurer, Leonard W. Weston. Prudential Com.: Charles L. Tarbell, Henry C. Chapin, Mr. [] Blaisdell. Com. on Lectures: Edwin M. Stearns, William F. Wheeler, George Weston. Voted to adjourn for one week. Leonard W. Weston, Sect.

[Dec. 2, 1851] Lincoln Dec. 2nd 1851. The Lyceum was called to order by the President. The committee reported that they had obtained the subscription of 61.25. Voted that the persons who solicited the subscriptions should also collect the cash. Voted that the President, vice Pres:t and Sect. serve on the committee to procure lectures. Voted to adjourn for one Week.

[Dec. 9, 1851] Lincoln Dec. 9th. Listened to a lecture on meteorology by the Rev. Mr. [] Hill, of Waltham.

[Dec. 16, 1851] Lincoln Dec. 16th. Listened to a lecture by the Rev. Mr. [] Foster, of Concord. The theme of his discourse was the perfect man and the perfect woman.

[Dec. 23, 1851] Lincoln Dec. 23th. Was entertained by a lecture from the Hon. N. P. Banks, Jr., of Waltham. Subject: The times and character of Lord Bolin[g]broke.

[Dec. 30, 1851] Dec. 30th. Listened to a lecture by Mr. Thoreau, of Concord. Subject: His travels in Canada.

[Not listed in Walter Harding, "A Check List of Thoreau's Lectures." See pages 213 and 220 supra. In his Journal, III, page 177, under date of Jan. 7, 1852, Thoreau wrote: "Last evening, walked to Lincoln to lecture in a driving snow-storm...." "Last evening," doubtless, referred to Dec. 30, 1851.]

[Jan. 6, 1852] Jan. 6th 1852. A lecture was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Woodbury, of Acton. Subject: The character of the Puritans.

[Jan. 13, 1852] Jan. 13th. Was entertained by a lecture from the Hon. John G. Palfrey. Subject: The character of the first Settlers of New England.

[Jan. 20, 1852] Jan. 20th. Listened to a lecture by the Rev. Mr. [] Simmons, of Springfield. Subject: His travels in Europe.

[Jan. 27, 1852] Lincoln Jan. 27th. The Rev. Mr. [] Jackson, of Lincoln, delivered a lecture on the progress of the Age.

[Feb. 11, 1852] Feb. 11th. Mr. A. W. Thayer, of Cambridge, delivered a lecture on his travels in Germany.

[Feb. 18, 1852] Feb. 18th. The Rev. Mr. [Seth] Alden, of Lincoln, delivered a lecture on the origin of Language.

[Feb. 25, 1852] Feb. 25th. The Hon. Chas. Hudson, of Lexington, delivered a lecture on self culture.

[Mar. 2, 1852] March 2nd. Mr. [] Gordon, of Framingham, delivered a lecture on the general condition of California.

[Mar. 9, 1852] March 9th. The Rev. Leonard Frost, of Waltham, delivered [a lecture] on Kossuth and Hungary. L. W. Weston, Sec't.

[Dec. 7, 1852] Lincoln, Tues. Dec. 7th. 52. The annual election of officers of the Lyceum took place on the evening of the 7th of Dec. at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by L. W. Weston. Voted to continue the Lyceum and proceeded at once to the election of officers for the ensuing season. The following persons were chosen to fill the several offices, viz.: For President, James L. Chapin. Vice [Pres.], Edwin M. Stearns. 2nd [Vice President], Levi F. Brooks. Secretary, Leonard W. Weston. Cor. [Sec.], William F. Wheeler. Treasurer, Leonard W. Weston. Com. on Lectures: W. F. Wheeler, J. L. Chapin, E. M. Stearns. The following persons were chosen to solicit subscriptions [sic], viz. J. L. Chapin, C. E. Smith, G. Flint, Mr. [] Blaisdell, A. Hagar, Jr.

[Dec. 28, 1852] Dec. 28th. A lecture was delivered by Mr. [] Hill, of Waltham, on Phonetic [sic].

[Jan. 4, 1853] Jan. 4th. A lecture on self culture was delivered by Mr. [Barzillai] Frost, of Concord.

[Jan. 18, 1853] Jan. 18th. Mr. Leonard Frost, of Waltham, delivered a lecture on independence of character.

[Jan. 25, 1853] Jan. 25. Maj. Ben Wheeler, of Framingham, delivered a lecture on Fruit and Fruit trees.

[Feb. 1, 1853] Feb. 1st Mr. Ephriam [sic] Flint, Jr., delivered a lecture on the great men of the age.

[Mar. 8, 1853] March 8th W. W. Wheildon, of Concord, delivered a lecture on the principles of life.

[Mar. 15, 1853] March 15th Mr. Warren Burton delivered a lecture on domestic economy.

[Mar. 22, 1853] March 22nd Mr. George Frost, of Waltham, delivered a lecture on Geography.

[Mar. 29, 1853] March 29th Rev. Mr. [] Simmons, of Concord, delivered a lecture on political reformation

[Apr. 6, 1853] April 6th Rev. Mr. Hill, of Waltham, delivered a lecture on Astronomy.

[Apr. 13, 1853] April 13th Rev. Mr. [] Sewell, of Medfield, delivered a lecture on Education. The Amount received 42.00 The sum expended 40.80. Balance due the Lyceum 1.20. L. W. Weston, Sect.

[Here follows apparently another gap in the records.]

[Oct. 29, 1855] Lincoln Oct. 29th 1855. Regular meeting of the society for the choice of officers. The election resulted as follows: James L. Chapin, President. Edwin M. Stearns, 1st Vice President. Leonard W. Weston, 2^d Vice President. Lewis E. Smith, Rec. Secretary. James L. Chapin, Cor. Secretary. Leonard W. Weston, Treasurer. William F. Wheeler, Augustus Weston, Henry C. Chapin—Lecture Committee. The Lectures of the course were as follows:

[Dec. 6, 1855] Dec. 6th Rev. Thomas Hill, of Waltham. Subject: The Poetry of Mathematics.

[Dec. 12, 1855] Dec. 12. Rev. N. A. Staples, of Lexington. Subject: The Influence of Natural Scenery upon National Character.

[Dec. 18, 1855] Dec. 18. Rev. Mr. [] Sewall, of Medfield. Subject: Mohammed.

[Dec. 27, 1855] Dec. 27. Dr. Joseph Reynolds, of Concord. Subject: History of Common Schools.

[Jan. 1, 1856] Jan. 1. Rev. William C. Jackson, of Lincoln. Subject: Turkey.

[Jan. 8, 1856] Jan. 8. Hon. George S. Boutwell, of Groton. Subject: Progress of American Independence.

[Jan. 16, 1856] Jan. 16. Hon. Charles Hudson, of Lexington. Subject: Reminiscences of American Statesmen.

[Jan. 22, 1856] Jan. 22. Rev. E. H. Sears, of Wayland. Subject: Genius.

[Jan. 29, 1856] Jan. 29. Hon. Simon Brown, of Concord. Subject: Agriculture.

[Feb. 5, 1856] Feb. 5. Rev. Mr. [] Day, of Weston. Subject: Alexander the Great.

[Feb. 12, 1856] Feb. 12. Francis W. Bacon, of West Newton. Subject: The Cultivation of Cane and the Manufacture of Sugar.

[Feb. 28, 1856] Feb. 28. Rev. E. H. Sears, of Wayland. Subject: Shams.

[Mar. 4, 1856] March 4. Ralph W. Emerson, of Concord. Subject: Beauty.

[Listed without title in William Charvat, Emerson's American Lecture Engagements: A Chronological List, p. 32. The fee paid to Emerson was either \$10. or \$20.]

[Mar. 11, 1856] March 11. Rev. Mr. [] Marvin, of Medford. Subject: The Attractions of Literature. It was voted that the officers of the society take measures to continue the Lyceum during the coming winter.

[Sept. 29, 1856] Lincoln Sept. 29th 1856. The Lyceum met according to previous notice and chose the following officers, viz. For President, James L. Chapin. Vice Presidents [*sic*]: Col. William Foster George Weston. Rec. Secretary, Thomas Wheeler. Treasurer, Leonard W. Weston. Committee on Order: William Mackintosh, William Foster, Cha^s Tarbell, George Weston. The Lectures delivered before the Lyceum this year were:

[Dec. 3, 1856] Dec. 3^d Dr. J. V. C. Smith, of Boston. Subject: Egypt.

[Dec. 10, 1856] Dec. 10th Hon. Charles Hudson, of Lexington. Subject: Men that I have Met.

[Dec. 16, 1856] Dec. 16th Rev. Mr. [] Patrick, of Bedford. Subject: Mind versus Money.

[Dec. 23, 1856] Dec. 23^d R. W. Emerson, of Concord. Subject: Individual Life.

[Listed without title in William Charvat, Emerson's American Lecture Engagements: A Chronological List, p. 32. His fee was \$10.]

[Dec. 30, 1856] Dec. 30th Rev. Charles M. Bowers, of Clinton. Subject: Observation.

[Jan. 7, 1857] Jan. 7th Hon. Simon Brown, of Concord. Subject: Trees.

[Jan. 13, 1857] Jan. 13th Daniel Haskel, of Boston. Subject: The Newspaper.

[Jan. 28, 1857] Jan. 28th Rev. Thomas Hill, of Waltham. Subject: Arctic Expeditions.

[Feb. 3, 1857] Feb. 3^d Rev. Mr. [] Marvin, of Medford. Subject: Home.

[Feb. 11, 1857] Feb. 11th Rev. Mr. [] Bodwell, of Framingham. Subject: Cha^s. Dickens.

[Feb. 17, 1857] Feb. 17th Rev. Mr. Studley, of Boston. Subject: Yankee's Mirror.

[Feb. 24, 1857] Feb. 24th Rev. Jared Heard, of Wayland. Subject: Brahminism. Adjourned.

[In faint pencil at the end of this manuscript are the rough draft of one of the earlier minutes and seven or eight topics for projected discussions or debates.]



